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Exciting new plan for the George

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Horrified at structure

Managing Director Ian Styles said: "We were looking at the George with a specific tenant in mind and in our initial findings were horrified at the structural issues that are hidden away in a very old Grade 2 listed building."

"The structural issues and general state of the building need considerable funds just to return to status quo let alone create a structure that would stand up to the next 50 years without major intervention."

"Having discounted the initial project we were impressed with a subsequent scheme drawn up by Northcott Design and Management, which was way different from our initial concepts."

"We are still a long way from making a commitment which is normally client-driven but thought the scheme had legs so shared it on social media to judge interest and, of course, the opinion of the townsfolk here in Axminster."

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AXMOUTH: Holly Thompson won the Lysander Trophy for best overall cadet performance at Axe Valley Yacht Club



SOUTH SOMERSET: Alice Cannon (pictured with Riley), a volunteer at the 75-year-old Ferne Animal Sanctuary, which plans four new facilities buildings at its site near Chard



COLYTON: Carnival Queen Rose Dack helped to switch on the lights for the town's 'best ever' Christmas illuminations display

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Quotes of the week...

“ I bought the skydive for my boyfriend ... but when he told me he couldn't do it, I realised that I would have to."

Stef Hayes of Colyton who, along with colleague Marilyn Norris, has raised more than £1,200 for Hospiscare with a sponsored skydive

“ These orders should send out a clear warning to criminals that crime does not pay and that we will continue to ensure that those who have benefited from their criminal conduct will have it stripped away from them."

T/Chief Inspector Tim Coombe of Avon and Somerset Police, on the fining of an already-jailed Chard woman £45,000 for drug dealing offences

“ All Santa's helpers will be wearing a Rotary hi-viz tabard and will be carrying identification so there should be no impostors from the North Pole."

Sandra Shore of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District, members of which will be escorting the man in red around town over the next two weeks

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COLYTON

Donation funds 'best ever' lights

COLYTON got into the festive mood on Wednesday evening as the town switched on its "best ever" display of Christmas lights.

The usual illuminations have been greatly added to this year, thanks to a "significant" donation left to Colyton Carnival Committee by a local resident. The committee decided to use the money to hire Christmas lights for the next three years, costing a total of around £20,000, including strings of lights across the town centre and improved displays on the town hall and Colcombe Castle.

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From the editor's chair The re-birth of the George?

WHEN I first started reporting, The George Hotel in Axminster was the social centre of the town.

It was where most of the annual dinner-dances were held, occupying the delightful Adam Room, frequently playing host to black-tie functions. It was where I first danced the cha-cha-cha with my first wife to the Tim Moulding Trio.

On market days it was where all the gentlemen farmers enjoyed a very convivial lunch after doing business at the cattle market.

It boasted the best restaurant in town.

It has been sad to watch the slow but steady decline of The George over the past 40 years. There have been a few attempts to revive its fortunes but none of them came to much. On occasions it's been a half-decent pub.

Standing opposite the derelict Webster's Garage site - soon to become a car park - the declining appearance of The George added to the perception and myth that Axminster was

a dying town. So it was with much joy - and great expectation - we report this week that a new plan to rejuvenate The George may be on the cards.

It is early days but the illustrations we publish on our Axminster front page have already been positively received on Facebook.

An offshoot of the Axminster Tool Centre, Axminster Properties Ltd, is behind the project. So we can rest assured that if the scheme comes about it will be a class development and financially sound.

With the Webster's saga thankfully drawing to a conclusion, the revival of this fine old building is just what Axminster needs. Ian Styles says it has a long way to go but he's testing the water to see what the townsfolk think.

My view of the old George, of course, is through rose-tinted glasses - but a first class hotel along the lines Mr Styles is hoping to deliver would be a huge economic boost to the town.



PHILIP EVANS

SOUTH SOMERSET SW councils join to discuss 'devolution'

DISCUSSIONS are currently underway with members of Hearts of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership over a "Devolution Deal" for the area.

Hearts of the South West (HotSW) is a voluntary partnership between local authorities, namely Devon and Somerset county councils and their district and borough councils, Exeter and Plymouth city councils, Torbay Council and Dartmoor and Dartmoor National Parks.

The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was set up in 2011 by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.

Leaders have already outlined key areas within the bid. Health, care and wellbeing is key, as is how the area would be governed. An elected mayor seems to be favoured when it comes to devolution, however HotSW are favouring a unitary authority similar to Cornwall.

Other key areas include strategic infrastructure; housing and planning; employment and skills; and business support.

Chairman of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, Steve Hindley, said he was delighted that the government had confirmed its commitment to HotSW.

He said: "These projects will benefit the whole Heart of the South West economy."

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EDDC say they are keen to ensure that tenants know the latest details about the relocation and will give them the chance to discuss progress with key officers involved in the development of the council's new office building.

Commenting on the council's relocation plans for Honiton, Councillor Paul Diviani said the meeting had been extremely useful in allowing EDDC to hear any concerns.

"With works planned to start in the summer of 2016, we are now looking at an anticipated move in around autumn 2017."

SIDMOUTH Car park boost for Rotary

SIDMOUTH's Rotary Club stand to gain much-needed funds from a new initiative at the maligned Mill Street car park.

Following a meeting between East Devon district councillors and Sidmouth ward members Matt Booth, Cathy Gardener and John Dyson and the service lead for Environmental Health and Car Parks at EDDC, Andrew Ennis, it has been agreed that unused car parking spaces at Mill Street and Holmedale - both EDDC owned car parks - will shortly be available to rent.

The Christmas scheme, which will run until December 27th, aims to raise funds for charity and assist in alleviating the heavy demand for parking during the town's busiest shopping period.

For a minimum donation of £5 a day, the council will offer temporary reserved parking permits on 36 bays in the Mill Street and Holmedale car parks.

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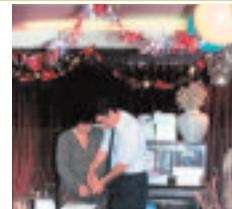
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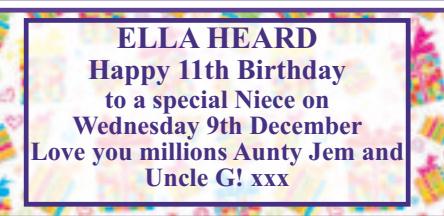
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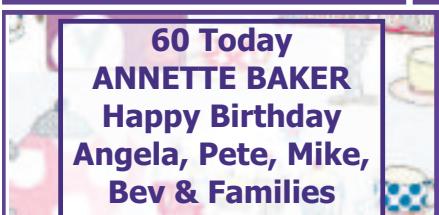
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Festive fun at Axe Valley Community College's fair

THE Axe Valley Community College Christmas Fair held at the Axminster Guildhall on the Saturday before last was a huge Christmassy success and marked the start to the festive season.

The PTFA ran refreshment stalls with soups, quesadillas and light lunches as well as delicious mocktails, gingerbread, fudge and cakes. Over several months, parents have been making cushions, jumpers, wreaths and advent calendars for the craft stall. The raffle and tombola were great fun and complemented by the Lucky Bottle game stall.

Private stallholders included a range of local craftspeople including local winemakers Devon Vineyards, Love that Colour stained glass artist, Glitter Gems offering lampshades and upcycled fur-

niture, Fings 'n' Stuff with bunting, cushions and wreaths as well as jewellery, cards and skincare products. In addition, Whoopsadaisy had a stall with pottery painting and The Sewing Room offered a sewing workshop.

To accompany the event singers and performers from the college played festive music throughout the event including solo pieces by Jess Hill, Holly Stock, Emma Heighway and Layla James. Flautist Katie Burnett played two sets and the Year 9 Steel Pan Band played Silent Night, Jingle Bells and Ding Dong Merrily on High.

The proceeds of the event will be used to support the music department at the college as well as Hospiscare, ARC and the Axminster Food Bank.

■ AXMINSTER Tourist Information Centre has hosted a coffee morning to thank supporters, staff and volunteers for their

support, after the TIC was awarded a silver award at the Devon Tourism Awards on November 26th. The TIC picked up

the award in the visitor information category narrowly missing out on Gold to the Dartmouth TIC.



Coffee thanks for TIC's silver

Exciting plans for the George Hotel

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"Without doubt it could make a very big difference to the town and hopefully kick start the redevelopment of this amazing town."

"Axminster is a brand synonymous with quality, and that's where we need to be."

Operating as a hotel and pub for decades, the George Hotel's most recent tenant left in late 2008.

The then owner Punch Taverns failed to find a new tenant and subsequently put the building on the market, and it was sold to a private company in June 2010.

The future of the building is a constant matter of concern during town council meetings, and is also aired frequently on social media.

Next to the George Hotel building is the Webster's site, which was seen as Axminster's 'premier' eyesore for decades.

It was finally cleared and turned into a temporary car park earlier this year.

A long-term plan for the site is still to be decided.

Mr Styles' company is currently building a new gymnasium, a restaurant and retail units at the old Grove nightclub site in Seaton. An open day on the development will be held at Frank Property in 5 Cross Street, Seaton, on Friday, December 18th, 10 am to 4 pm.

For more photos of the proposed development at the George in Axminster go to our website:
www.axminster-today.co.uk



Council debates plans for South West 'devolution'

EAST Devon District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee's have unanimously supported recommendations on how to proceed in creating a 'South West Powerhouse'.

In a debate on the 'Heart of the South West' devolution deal, chaired by Cllr Roger Giles, committee members agreed on four recommendations on how to proceed in discussions concerning the joint bid between EDDC and the other councils involved.

by Peter Hodges

The recommendations are that clear objectives are set in preparation for negotiation if the bid proves successful in reaching Government discussion.

Secondly, that an oversight group be set up of portfolio holders and appropriate members to follow the process of the bid.

Thirdly, that the work and process to date be noted. Fourthly,

that EDDC leader Paul Diviani be given delegated authority to sign the proposed Devolution Bid on Behalf of EDDC, subject to ratification of Council on December 16th 2015.

And finally that an element of 'rural proofing' is put forward in the draft bid. Rural proofing would see that the less urban locations get the same amount of attention as places like Exeter and Plymouth.

If successful, the Heart of the

South West bid would create a partnership between local authorities in Devon and Somerset.

The Heart of the South West area includes Devon County, Somerset County, Plymouth City, Exeter City and Torbay.

Council leaders have already outlined key areas: Health, Care and Wellbeing; Strategic Infrastructure; Housing and Planning; Employment and Skills; Business Support; and Governance.

Governance of the suggested area is proving to be the most crit-

ical of points. An agreement must be reached locally on the creation of control mechanisms to effectively represent the interests of each local authority and within that, each community, both urban and rural, inland and coastal.

The Cabinet decision gives EDDC's Chief Executive a mandate to pursue the pre-bid process with fellow council CEOs across both counties for an area currently served by the existing Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

LEPs are voluntary partnerships between local authorities and businesses set up in 2011 by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.

A successful HotSW bid would be one of a number of deals done by English regions working with Government to meet the many public sector challenges facing local authorities around the country.

East Devon youngsters get together for St Andrew's concert 'celebration'

MORE than 120 excited young singers took part in a magical performance at St Andrew's Church in Colyton.

The children from Years Four, Five and Six (aged from eight to 10) from primary schools in Colyton, Kilmington, Seaton and Shute performed to a full house – over 300 members of their friends and families.

They had taken part in a project run by B Sharp – a Lyme Regis-based youth music charity – which brought music and singing workshops into their schools during October and November as part of a wider programme to help develop music making pathways in East Devon and West Dorset.

Each school had worked collaboratively with the inspirational music leader/composer John K Miles, vocal coach Deborah Jordan and B

Sharp musicians Jacques Verhaeren, Jon Pogson and Matt Hartnell to compose their own songs – all on a theme of 'celebration'.

Matt Hartnell said: "The level of feedback from the young participants and their school teachers was really moving. Many doors are now open for more regular workshops, in and out of school, for those who were particularly inspired by what they had seen, heard and taken part in."

Mrs Burleigh from Shute Community Primary School said: "Every child participated fully with total involvement and enjoyment. The compositions were delightful; even the quiet and reserved children shone."

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No lights but plenty of festive spirit

THE crowd turned up in hundreds. Father Christmas put in an appearance, Lyme Regis Town Band played Christmas carols and the

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Inner Wheel served cups of warming mulled wine.

Christmas arrived in its

usual fashion in Axminster with the Rotary Club organising the Festive Friday celebrations. There was only one dis-

appointment – there were no Christmas lights to switch on after the traditional count-down.

Earlier in the week, the newly-formed Axminster Christmas Lights Committee (ACL) which promised the town the best ever festive illumina-

tions announced that they had not received sufficient financial support to deliver their promise.

But the group, which broke away from Axminster Chamber of Commerce at an extraordinary meeting earlier in the year, said a number of Christmas trees would be erected above town centre shops before Christmas – but not in time for Festive Friday.

ACL chairman Paul Hayward, in a letter to *Pulman's View from Axminster* (see page 15), said it was disappointing that there had been so many negative comments on social media about the lack of Christmas lights this year and criticising volunteers who were doing their best. He urged the town to work together to make sure future displays did not disappoint.

When ACL was formed they took with them the £3,000 in the Chamber of Commerce accounts for future displays and Axminster Town Council promised to match-fund up to £2,000. Collecting tins were also placed in shops around the town.

Better next year
Chamber of Commerce chairman Shane Morgan said they had offered ACL ten fixed illuminations they had bought for £2,500 about six years ago. But ALC had rejected the offer because the units were not the right voltage. The chamber had since taken them back and had agreed to spend £250 on making them usable again and were happy for them to form part of Axminster's future illuminations.

Speaking from Trinity Square where the Festive Friday events are based, Mr Morgan said; "It's a pity we have no Christmas lights but perhaps next year it will be better."

In past years the focal point for the Christmas lights has been the impressive festive displays on the Trinity House department store. But the business has just been acquired by Goulds of Dorchester and there are no Christmas lights on the front of the premises this year.

The lack of festive illuminations, however, did not ruin the spirit of Festive Friday. Compere Mervyn Symes called on children from the local

primary schools to join the Mayor, Councillor Douglas Hull, and Town Crier Nick Goodwin in a countdown at the end of which the start of the Christmas celebrations in Axminster was heralded.

Crowd cheers

Mr Symes told a huge gathering in the Square: "We may not have any Christmas lights tonight but we can rectify that next year. That's not the most important thing. Festive Friday will still be one of Axminster's greatest nights of the year," a comment which was greeted with cheers from the crowd.

Father Geoffrey Walsh, from The Minster Church, and Lord of The Manor Jim Rowe, joined the official party with the

Mayor thanking the Rotary Club of Axminster for organising Festive Friday and thanking all those who had turned out in support.

Mr Goodwin amused with his usual Christmas poem which finished with the line "All I want for Christmas is ...some Christmas lights".

A number of primary schools and playgroups from around the area manned Christmas stalls and the children were entertained by a Punch and Judy Show before Father Christmas arrived courtesy of the Lions Club of Axminster. A barbecue stand organised by Andrew Bolton did a roaring trade.,

Afterwards, Mr Symes said that the evening had gone well despite the

lack of Christmas lights and the crowd was one of the biggest he could remember.

"As always the Axminster community spirit shone through, as it always does. Let's hope ACL can deliver next year and Axminster will have festive lights to match our neighbouring towns," he added.

Mr Hayward contacted *Pulman's View* again on Sunday evening after a busy day with volunteers putting up 21 trees around the town.

He confirmed that the £3,000 earmarked for Christmas lights was still in ACL's bank account – "untouched and generously added to by vari-

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■ COMPERE Mervyn Symes leads the children at Festive Friday in the countdown to Christmas in Trinity Square, Axminster, watched by Mayor Douglas Hull.



■ CHRISTMAS came early for these tiny tots when Santa paid a surprise visit to Festive Friday in Axminster, courtesy of the Lions Club

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ous fundraising efforts, including a donation of £170 from a generous benefactor. He stressed that ACL's accounts were completely open to inspection by anyone.

Mr Hayward also commented on the timing of putting up the trees, saying: "With regards to the timing, we have had to take out an installation policy for putting up the trees and, despite this costing £270 for just 30 days worth of tree erection, the costs for wired mains lighting would have been even more."

"So, as previously, we use timed, battery powered LED lights but these have a battery life of approximately 28 days and thus, if we had turned them all on last weekend, there was a good chance that the battery packs would have failed before Christmas day."

Mr Hayward went on to say: "Axminster has over 5,000 residents, and over 200 business (from self-employed plumbers, to retailers, to garages, to large trading companies), maybe even 300 of them. If each resident gave £1 per year, and each business gave just £50 (tax deductible donation), we would have between £15,000 and £20,000 per annum to spend on lighting up the whole town."

A cynical person might observe that the people who shout and complain the loudest, are often the least likely to donate, volunteer and work towards a brighter, more festive Axminster."

And he added: "A very negative social media assault over the weekend has become a very positive outpouring of support for our merry band of volunteers."

Anyone who wishes to help with the Christmas lighting can contact Mr Hayward on 07934 430413.



■ GETTING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Hawkchurch and Musbury Primary Schools supported Festive Friday



■ YULETIDE BARGAINS: There was plenty on offer at Axminster Community Primary Academy's Festive Friday stall



■ GIFTS GALORE: There were plenty of Christmas present ideas on the stall manned by Membury Primary Academy and Pre-School



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Jean and Mike are the big winners

by Kevin Fahey

MICHAEL Taylor and Jean Davies were the big winners at the annual Beer Sailing Club awards evening held at the Dolphin Hotel.

Mr Taylor scooped six of the available cups with Jean claiming four of the 18 prizes that were made during the evening underlining their dominance of competitive racing.

Off the water, a special award was made to Adrian Mills for his contribution to the club while Barbara Cotton was named Lady of the Year and Keith Whittaker received the

Sportsman Trophy as Club Gentleman of the Year.

WINNERS

Winter Series 14 Line Honours Rose Bowl: Michael Taylor; Winter Series 14 Personal Handicap John James Cup: Graham Joyce; Spring Series Line Honours Sunday Cup: Michael Taylor; Spring Series Personal Handicap Laser Series Plaque: Michael Taylor; Summer Series Line Honours Mayor Lyme Shield: Michael Taylor; Summer Series Per-

sonal Handicap Chatterley Cup: Jean Davies; Autumn Series Line Honours Ron Wyman Plaque: Michael Taylor; Autumn Series Personal H'cap Gloria Mettam Trophy: Jean Davies; Thursday Series Line Honours White Cup (1933): Michael Taylor; Thursday Series Personal Handicap Goddard Cup: Jean Davies; Laser 3 Race Day Line Honours Wells Cup (1947/48): not raced; Laser Three Race Day Personal Handicap Inglis Cup: not raced; Laser Pursuit Race One Skippers Cup (1946): not raced; Laser Pursuit Race Two Chairman's Cup: not raced; Vets Race Masters Cup: Stewart Aplin; Ladies Race Bucknall Bowl: Jean Davies; Travellers Trophy Travellers Cup: James Green / James Trewick; Best Crew Sean Colquhoun Cup: Stuart Jackson; 1st Beer Junior Green Shield: not awarded; Most Improved Junior Dyer Trophy: not awarded; Special Junior Award Philip Makepeace Cup: not awarded; Achievement Award Midland Bank Shield: Daniel Thompson; Club Lady of the Year Ladies Trophy: Barbara Cotton; Club Gentleman of the Year Sportsman Trophy: Keith Whittaker; Club Special Award RNLI Tankard: Adrian Mills.



■ Keith Whittaker received the Sportsman Trophy as Club Gentleman of the Year

■ Mike Ransom presents Jean Davies with two of the four awards she won on the night



■ Mike Ransom presents Mike Taylor with one of his six trophies

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Christmas market to fundraise for Hospiscare

THE new Rousdon and Combeypne Christmas Market will raise money for Hospiscare after one of its organisers was so impressed with the service her husband is receiving, writes Peter Hodges.

Christine Newton and her husband Grayson were organising his end of life, palliative care. But because Macmillan Nurses – to whom they were expecting to be referred – do not offer an at-home service locally, Christine and her husband were directed to the Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home Team.

Christine said: "We were shocked to discover that this service is not part of the NHS, though it works alongside it, but is a charity relying on fundraising activities and donations."

Grayson, Christine's husband added: "It costs over £6million to run Hospiscare each year but now I (and my family) have access to expert nursing care, advice and support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And it's free at the point of delivery."

The Seaton Friends team is one of Hospiscare's 11 outreach services and receives financial support from Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends.

Christine said she has been spreading the news about the team to everyone she meets.

"When one of my neighbours said that we should do something to raise funds, within minutes the idea of a Christmas Market was launched and within a day the hall had been booked and people were pledging donations for a raffle, promising to make cakes and other Christmassy items. I couldn't believe how quickly people came together for such a good cause."

The market will take place in Peek Hall, Rousdon, on December 12th from 2pm-4pm. Contact Amanda Holden (01297 442275) or Christine Newton (01297 442028) if you can donate quality items for a stall, bake a cake or donate something for a tombola. Raffle prizes so far include a 22 inch HD TV, a magnum of champagne and an MOT/service from Rousdon.

Whitford Produce's autumn show

THE Whitford Produce Association's Autumn Show held in Whitford Village Hall on Saturday, November 14th, was very successful. Not only were there more visitors than last year, entries for the show increased considerably and the judges agreed that the quality of the exhibits across all sections were some of the best they had seen this year.

Vegetable and flower judge Derek Hurford was impressed with the display of chrysanthemums, attracting chrysanthemum growers from the surrounding area, in particular Axmouth and Beer. There were many new exhibitors especially in the vegetable classes, ranging from large onions grown from seeds to impressive displays of vegetables and flowers.

The cookery section was well represented with a display of cakes, biscuits, Italian bread and more. The children's section was well supported, thanks to parents who encouraged their children to enter.

For several of the cup winners, it was their first time of showing and in the cookery section the ladies were knocked into second.

The afternoon was rounded off by the Presentation of the Prize Giving Awards and the auction where prizes winning exhibits were sold at bargain prices.

The organisers are grateful to everyone who supported the show.

CUP WINNERS

Whitford Cup & Colyton Garden Centre Voucher: John Lang: Three Best Chrysanthemums, Andrew Gray Cup & Colyton Garden Centre Voucher: Keith Legg; For most prize money in Chrysanthemum class, Colyton Agricultural Society Cup & Colyton Garden Centre Voucher: Keith Legg; Overall winner of vegetables and fruit, Ernie Gardner Cup: Keith Legg; Best plant of Chrysanthemum, Donald Baker Cup: Chris Loud; For the vegetable section, Mr & Mrs FWR Laverack Cup: Mike James; Homemade wines and beer, Ladies Trophy: Richard Orsman; Cookery Class, Betty Gardner Cup for Children over 8 years: Izzie Lacey; Nancy James Cup for Children under 10 years: Toby James.

Musbury Christmas Tree Festival returns

St Michael's Church in Musbury will be holding its first Christmas tree festival in six years with many groups and organisations in the village – including the parish council, the WI and the bell ringers – decorating trees on the theme of 'winter wonderland'.

Twenty-five trees will be on display all round the church.

The festival will be open 10.30am-4.30pm on Friday, December 11th, Saturday, December 12th and Sunday, December 13th, and refreshments will be on sale the whole time.

Axe Yacht Club prizegiving evening

AXE Yacht Club held their annual prizegiving on Saturday, November 21st. To start the evening, Club Commodore, Steve Biddle, presented cadets with their awards, which included eight trophies and 20 highly commended certificates.

May Newbery (8) was named Best Beginner, and her older brother Harry received the Moorings Tankard for most improved Junior Cadet. Charlie Kendall was most improved Senior Cadet and Holly Thompson won the prestigious Lysander Trophy for best overall cadet performance of the year. A special award was presented to parent, Ian Priestley, for his tireless input as a support boat driver. Following a delicious dinner served by three

cadets it was the adults' turn, with Patsy Kingdon presenting the prizes. Malcolm Gill was the overall winner of the River Race Series and Dave Barnett took several dinghy awards. Previous Commodore Gordon Wright was most successful racer in a cruiser, and David and Jenny Haywood won the Achievement Cup for their trip around the UK via the Caledonian Canal. Richard Mayo, Rear Commodore Activities Afloat, was nominated by the Commodore to receive the Lloyds Bank Shield for his service to the Club over the last eight years. The evening finished with the assembled members singing Happy Birthday to Rear Commodore Social, Bob Palacio.



CUP WINNERS: (L-R) Keith Legg, Mike James, John Lang, Maureen Davey, Richard Orsman, Chris Loud and Jasmine James (standing in for her brother Toby)

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It's hard not to love the stress free environment with their brand new Hydrotherapy Pool, designed to release tension and aid circulation, along with the inviting Sauna and Steam Rooms, the modern Gym is also open to the public.

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Women's Institutes ROUND UP

HONITON EVENING

VICE President Jane Starkey welcomed 28 existing members and one new one, plus three visitors to an evening of craft-making. Alvi Bliss and Jean Donald organised the supplies and instruction for making festive cards, gift tags, tree decoration and gift bags.

After refreshments by Sue Bewsey a box of food made in Devon was presented to Shirley May Saunders, who had master-minded and produced '100 Years of What We Wore', a Devon WI federation event at South Brent in October to commemorate the WI's centenary: the event was a fashion show of almost one hundred items loaned and modelled by the county's members. Marilyn Findlow was presented a bouquet with for modelling. The event was shown on BBC's Spotlight that same evening.

Gail Raine reported that her crochet group is flourishing, and Mary Gubby's walking group still meets three times a month despite the approach of winter.

Final arrangements were made for a Christmas tour of Cothelstone Manor near Taunton, the federation Carol Service in Exeter Cathedral and lunch meeting beforehand, the Christmas evening meal at Deer Park and a federation day trip to Cheltenham for Christmas shopping. Names were noted for a curry evening and volunteers sought to deco-



rate a Christmas tree in St Paul's Church for the second weekend of December.

In January a member will host a Twelfth Night afternoon, with enough members wanting to enter the federation-wide quiz competition in February to send three teams.

The Christmas gift tag competition was won by Pam Rosenthal with runners-up Sue Bewsey, Jean Donald and Heather Cleall. Flower of the month: 1 Sylvia Stroud, 2 Sue Dommett, 3 Pam Keane.

The next meeting in the Honiton Methodist Chapel off New Street will be at 7.15pm on Tuesday, January 19th. Visitors welcome.

SEATON

THE November meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem, accompanied on the piano by Mary Fone.

Jan Probert won the competition at the Autumn Group meeting at Beer with cheese scones.

Transport was arranged for the New Year Lunch at The Harbour Hotel, Sidmouth. Names were taken of those who wished to represent the institute at the County Quiz in February 2016.

Flower of the Month competition: 1 Denise England, 2 Zelma Lindsay-Smith, 3 Christine Palacio. Margaret Nicholas won the Angell cup for Christmas craft.

Val Rutter gave a talk on her art

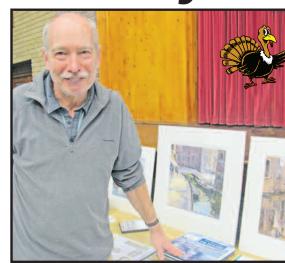
Axminster Art Society talk

WELL-known artist Ray Balkwill gave a talk to a packed hall, illustrated by his own paintings.

Although his latest book, *Traveling Light*, documents his travels, his true inspiration comes from The River Exe. His family has been in the area since the 1600s and his two loves – art and nature – stem from a childhood running wild on the edge of Dartmoor.

After 20 years in advertising, Ray left to teach, write and paint and still runs courses, encouraging artists to find their own style. He works outside with groups, battling the attention of onlookers, inquisitive animals and the weather and had many sketches of boats, with names and histories – now an historical record of boats and boathouses long gone. He recommends working outside to capture the freshness and emotional impact of the scene, although sketches and photographs help create studio paintings. When "in a rut", he tries new subjects or medias to recapture excitement in his work.

After tea, Ray gave a tour of the Exe valley with paintings by past artists and his own, many in oils, of



the farms and big old houses in the countryside. Again, he knew their histories and the important part many played in various wars.

His enthusiasm and the chance to see so much of his work and to learn about his techniques made this a truly inspirational afternoon.

The society meets in Musbury Hall once a month at 2.15. The next meeting is the AGM followed by the Christmas party on Wednesday, December 9th, starting at 2.15pm. The festive fare will include mince pies and mulled wine and there will be a table quiz. New members and visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Anthea Bareham on 01469221088.

National Trust Axe Valley Centre talk

TREVOR Adams of the National Trust gave his final talk before retiring, to a well attended audience at the National Trust Axe Valley Centre meeting at Colyford Memorial Hall. He gave the group a brief history of A la Ronde. The original building on the site was erected in 1795 from Beer Stone and was a lookout post for the Napoleonic Wars.

The unusual 16-sided building was erected in 1796 by Jane and Mary Parminter. The group were told about the Grand Tour taken by the cousins in 1784 when they travelled through France to Naples, Italy. Jane had an advantage being born in Lisbon and being multi-lingual. During their time in France they were the first women to have climbed a peak over 3,000 meters high, Mt Buet in the French Alps. It is this trip that inspired many of the unusual aspects of the house, including dado rails made of peacock feathers. A selection of their work was shown to the audience.

The Shell Gallery is one of the main features of the house, which is now unfortunately closed to visitors. The way in which it was constructed, firstly being totally covered in plaster and then a different type of plaster added in sections with shells inserted, resulted in the two layers now coming apart. However the visitors can still view the gallery on closed-circuit TV.

The members will now look at the house with fresh eyes after this inspirational talk.

Changed of venue for Seaton Men's Probus

THE final meeting at St Gregory's Hall is at 10am on December 2nd; Brian and Phil Glasspool will present 'Loft and Garage Model Railway'.

After many years at St Gregory's, Probus is moving to the Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane, Seaton. The first meeting there is on 6th January, when Patricia Lowther presents

'When War Broke Out'.

The Methodist Church Hall offers generous parking, which will hopefully encourage the men of Seaton to these friendly gatherings. Meetings take place on the alternate Wednesdays of each month and begin at 10am. Prospective members please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872.

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COLYTON switched on its "best ever" Christmas lights display on Wednesday evening. The usual illuminations have been greatly added to this year, thanks to a "significant" donation left to Colyton Carnival Committee by a local resident. The committee decided to use the money to hire Christmas lights for the next three years, costing a total of around £20,000, including strings of lights across the town centre and improved displays on the town hall and Colcombe Castle. The big switch on, carried out by Carnival Queen Rose Dack and Princess Nieve Hartnell, was held at the annual Colyton Christmas Fayre on Wednesday evening.

Photos by FRANCESCA EVANS



MR DECEMBER: Mike, one of the local dads who have posed for a charity calendar in aid of the Male Cancer Awareness Campaign, which was on sale at the fayre



IN THE GROTTO: Children meet Father Christmas and, below, ponies from Munchkins Miniature Shetland Rescue





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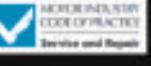

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Rotary 'this close' to eradicating polio

IT is perhaps not widely known that Rotary has played a leading role in helping to reduce polio worldwide by 99 per cent since its first project to vaccinate six million children in the Philippines in 1979.

Then, in 1985, Rotary launched an initiative called PolioPlus to free the entire world from polio, by the mass vaccination of children.

Many will remember family and friends stricken with this debilitating disease and the considerable life changes endured by its victims. At its height, polio had paralysed or killed up to half a million people a year before a vaccine was discovered in 1955. In 1961 an oral vaccine was invented and the UK launched the national immunisation programme in schools.

So where are we now? There have been no domestically acquired cases in the UK since 1982 and worldwide, there have been only 41 new polio cases so far this year. That's about one per week, down from 7,000 new cases per week in 1988 when Rotary was joined by the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the UK and US governments to formulate, fund and resource the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the largest public health initiative the world has ever known. Whilst polio had disappeared in the UK, US, Australia and much of Europe, by this time it remained prevalent in more than 125 countries.

Polio is a highly infectious viral disease which mainly affects young children causing spinal and respiratory paralysis; it can kill and remains incurable to this day. Polio is spread through contaminated water or food or by way of an infected person's saliva.

Whilst incurable, polio is completely vaccine-preventable. However, only once before had a major virus based illness been eliminated worldwide, that was smallpox in 1980.

The task, to reach an unparalleled number of the world's poorest and disadvantaged children, was considerable with many barriers, including cultural and religious resistance, geographic isolation, poor public infrastructure and all of the problems associated with identifying and tracking children in hostile war torn areas in Africa and Asia.

Funding has been, and still is, the greatest challenge, and is provided by many contributors, chief amongst which are Rotary International, including local clubs across East Devon and South Somerset, and the UK and US governments.

In 2008 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenged Rotary to raise \$200 million in two years and promised to match it. Rotary succeeded, the Foundation matched the \$228million raised, and in 2013 agreed to match two for one every dollar raised by Rotarians up to \$35 million per year until 2018, a commitment of over \$500



million. Rotary is meeting this challenge!

Rotary is a voluntary, international service organisation comprising some 1.2 million members worldwide. Rotary has contributed more than £1billion (the largest private sector donor) and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than 2.5 billion children in 125 countries.

Rotarians from clubs around the world, including many from the UK, working alongside locals and UNICEF volunteers, continue to travel abroad to be involved in immunisation work and donate money to the PolioPlus program. Rotary has consistently fuelled the effort with resources, advocacy and genuine hard work on the ground, maintaining the dream of a polio-free world and bringing polio to the brink of eradication.

Their work has brought many additional benefits. The polio immunisation campaign has become a critical vehicle for delivering other health services to children. Vitamin A capsules are often given along with polio drops. In post-Taliban Afghanistan, polio vaccinators also supported the country's first birth registration campaign.

Health systems and facilities strengthened by polio eradication campaigns have been used to hold measles immunisation campaigns. Community education work funded by polio donors has boosted basic health and hygiene awareness in the world's poorest communities.

For as little as 40 pence, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. But polio isn't yet beaten. Cases exist today in Afghanistan

and Pakistan and a recent outbreak in Ukraine has emphasised the need for continued vigilance, action and of course cash - through to 2018 some £3billion is needed for continued inoculation to guarantee elimination in Africa and Asia (scientists will certify eradication only after three clear years).

Recent cases have also highlighted the need for different injection based methods using dead poliovirus (rather than oral ones which use a weak poliovirus).

Local Rotarian John Bartlett said: "We can't stop now, the last percent is always the toughest and if we don't finish the job polio could return with a vengeance. According to WHO more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralysed by the disease in the next 40 years if we lower our guard."

"Will it all have been worth it? The full cost of eradication will likely reach around £10billion by 2018, the year that scientists believe that polio will finally be beaten.

"Millions of lives have been saved, millions more will not suffer the debilitating effects of this terrible disease, millions more will benefit from the related health programmes - the answer is, emphatically - YES!"

"But it's no time for celebration yet! Rotary and its partners will continue to strive for a polio free world... we are now 'this close'!"

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Town Hall should belong to Seaton

■ SEATON Town Hall was built by Seaton builder GH Richards, opening 27th July 1904. The town hall enjoyed enormous popularity and was a most important centre of life in Seaton.

My connection with it goes back to the 1930s when I attended Christmas parties organised by the RAOB for local children.

During the war years, the town hall was the operations centre for the ARP. At the age of 12, I joined as a messenger boy. This meant that if an air raid warning went at night I had to report for duty.

Over the years I have organised many exhibitions at the the town hall including one for the Queen's coronation and for both her silver and golden jubilees.

The town hall in Seaton is a most important asset and should never be lost. It should belong to Seaton Town Council and not to a commercial undertaking, even if they go under a charity trust.

I would ask all Seaton residents vote that the town hall be kept by the town council and support them by voting option three.

In the event of town council not taking on the town hall it would be definite threat to Seaton Museum. I would have to consider my position with regard to my collection and removing it to Exeter. My collection represents one-third of that held by the museum.

TED GOSLING,
1st Freeman of Seaton

Thanks for a memorable birthday party

■ MAY I, through your letters page, please say many thanks to all who attended my 60th birthday party at the Eden Room at the Eyre Court Hotel on Saturday evening, 21st November.

Special thanks to those who contributed to my chosen charity, the Guide Dogs for the Blind. A

Axminster Christmas lights

■ ON behalf of the ACLA - The Axminster Christmas Lights Association - I would like to sincerely thank all those who have kindly made donations during the past year since our formation, both in terms of financial and practical assistance.

Providing a worthwhile and visually impressive display in Axminster incorporates many logistical and monetary challenges and, with these in mind, I am sad to report that, despite our best efforts, we did not attract enough donations this year to enable us to proceed with the display we envisaged, even with the promised support from Axminster Town Council.

As a stop-gap, we have once again arranged for Xmas trees, large and small, to be installed around town, with illuminations, and we thank all those retailers and individuals in advance for their generosity in funding these.

It goes without saying that ACLA will begin 2016 with a fresh resolve to generate the significant amounts of hard cash needed to illuminate our town centre, and whilst we may struggle to compete with other local towns in terms of quantity, we will always try and provide the very best in terms of quality.

That said, we are all disheartened by the negative comments recently posted on social media around town in relation to this issue and we would respectfully ask all those concerned to perhaps get in touch with us, to discuss donations, fundraising, offers of help rather than simply bad-mouthing our team of volunteers who have all given up their time, and in most cases, own

money to work towards this goal. We will be holding our AGM in April, and we look forward to seeing a room full of local residents and business people all eager to help us achieve our goals and objectives for Christmas 2016.

Axminster will, in the future, be even more reliant on volunteers for a great many services but, if we all sit in our houses, at our keyboards, rather than getting out into the community and mucking in, we will have only ourselves to blame when things don't turn out the way we want them to!

Thank you, on behalf of ACLA.

**PAUL HAYWARD, CHAIRMAN,
Axminster**

Creative recycling

■ IN response to letter from K.Teasels of Honiton, I too had an excess of good useable fabric when I moved house earlier this year. Not wanting to waste it by throwing it away, I explored the opportunity to donate it to Exeter College for use in their Art and Design Faculty. They were most appreciative of the gift for their students to use and even arranged for someone to come and pick it up - there were four large boxes of fabrics.

We must be more creative in our recycling efforts, exploring many different channels.

**L. PYMONT-SCOTT,
Colyton**

Roads even more dangerous for disabled

■ RE: Sarah Bevan's letter last Tuesday, 'Council must act on Seaton's danger roads'.

I agree with Sarah Bevan's letter. I live in Townsend Avenue: we've had the pavements 'sprayed' with a light tar. However, the potholes are still alarmingly bad and no further work's been carried out.

I'm wheelchair-bound (inside and outside my home). I've an electric buggy which I use, but the potholes are really dangerous and yes, not all pavements have lowered areas.

Cars, vans, lorries etc, all park in Townsend Road, lots because they can't park in the surgery car park, others because of parking fees in the town.

At the bottom of Townsend Road it's so difficult

to look left (up Harepath Road) because a large number of cars park there from corner to approximately thirty or so yards as the homes (left-hand side) don't have garages. This means one's views are very restricted. It's dangerous for cars, but more so for a disabled person on a buggy.

Both Townsend Road and Townsend Avenue are bound to have an accident soon; even posting a letter, in a box just across the junction of the two roads, is dangerous.

My husband has mentioned these problems on several occasions to Jim Knight, who promised he'd get councillors to do something about it... sadly it's worse now than ever.

**GILLY-WARNER-MILLS,
Seaton**



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The gala, which will be hosted at Cranberries Luxury Hideaway, will include a charity auction, a two-course hot buffet and casino tables and tickets are now on sale for the event and can be bought from the Cranberries office. The event will also be providing two 16-seater minibuses to ferry people to and from the event, for reservations call 01297 33193.

Chairman of the Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch, Cdr Stafford Seward OBE RN Rtd, who is organising the event, has heaped praise on the hosts of the event.

"We would like to thank Cranberries for their incredible generosity in providing the venue and organising the event. We are hoping to raise lots of money for these two worthy causes so bring along your cheque book, because there are some fantastic prizes to be

won from the auction."

Donations from local businesses have been greatly received as well as a host of fantastic auction lots. Prizes include a spa day for two at Cranberries, tickets to watch Exeter Chiefs, a sausage making course donated by Complete Meats and a Mercedes CLK for five days including insurance courtesy of Mercedes Exeter. A full list of the auction prizes can be found at <http://cranberrieshideaway.co.uk> and if you can't make it to the gala you can still take part in the auction online.

Cdr Stafford added: "This promises to be an evening to remember, as well as an opportunity to raise money to support those who have given their everything to provide a safe and secure environment for us all. Of course it is also a great opportunity for the ladies to purchase a new dress and the gentlemen to acquire a new dinner suit or bow tie."

The evening will commence at 7pm with welcoming drinks, canapés and an opportunity to catch up with friends and other guests, thereafter, everyone will be seated for a two course hot buffet meal. After the meal everyone



■ COMMANDER Stafford Seward and Cranberries' Steve Litley promoting the New Year's Eve Ball

will have the opportunity to explore the dance floor and enjoy the music of 'Renegades' the live band for the evening. After a short break and a chance to refresh the charity auction will

start. At midnight guests will be invited outside for champagne and a fireworks display and the band will perform one last session before carriages at 1am.

Tickets are £65 but unfortu-

nately there is only 150 tickets so don't delay. All profits from the sale of tickets and the auction will be split 50/50 between the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

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Axe Valley Heritage Association

**INVITATION
OPEN DAYS AT THE MUSEUM**

THURSDAY 10TH, FRIDAY 11TH & SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2015

Seaton Museum Open Days Thursday 10th, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th December 2015

The Axe Valley Heritage Museum belongs to that group of small museums which can be regarded as a small town phenomenon, the gathering together of the local history of a community in a predominantly way.

It was thirty years ago this month that Seaton Councilor Ann Adams invited four people to form a museum in Seaton.

Roy Chapple with his local government knowledge was appointed chairman, Norman Whinfrey a national authority on prehistoric and Roman History became treasurer, Edna Everitt a lady so full of energy took on the task of forming a supportive friends association and local historian and West Country author Ted Gosling became curator and company secretary. Sadly three of these are no longer with us but Ted celebrates his 30 years as curator this month in the following year a committee was formed and we still have Geoff Marshall and Norman Owen the only survivors from the original committee. Since that date a virtual torrent of material has been gathered by a small voluntary group of local enthusiasts.

At the present time the museum holds over 50,000 items a third of which comes from the Ted Gosling collection this includes a small but valuable fossil collection. The other two main collections are the Norman Whinfrey Roman

collection and the Roy Chapple family tree records.

The museum will reopen for three days from Thursday 10th December and will all locals please note we do need your support; it is a case of use it or lose it. Do come along to meet our new chairman David Morling. Curator Ted Gosling with asst curator Helen Newbury Arshad will be present to answer and queries.

The temporary exhibition on show Disappearing Seaton will show how much we have lost during the past 120 years.

The museum does depend on a group of volunteers many who have passed away during the past year; help is wanted to keep the museum alive and open, contact Ted or committee members if you can help.



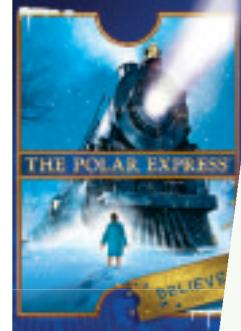
▲ Ted Gosling presents Edna Everitt a bouquet from The Association on the day of her Diamond Wedding



▲ 26/5/88 Seaton Museum Opening, Curator Mr Ted Gosling and wife Carol Gosling inspecting the local Chemist show case.



▲ The St Johns Ambulance men, seen here looking very smart, were attending the dedication of the first motor ambulance in Seaton, c. 1938. Originally a Chrysler car belonging to Dr James of the Ryalls Court School, it was given to the town and converted to an ambulance by A. Dowell & Sons, coach builders, of Exeter. Mr H.F. Norcombe, the war-time chairman of Seaton Council, is seen standing on the left, next to Harry Clapp. The three St Johns Ambulance men standing against the vehicle were, left to right: Mr Barr, Mr A. Gapper and Mr. C Minchinnett.



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A fair proportion of the client base found at Bowes Brooks Accountants are tradespeople. Either sole traders or limited companies with a few staff and maybe CIS tax to deduct. Many people they see coming on board as clients are just transitioning into a larger entity and are perhaps finding it difficult to keep all the balls in the air, want to concentrate on 'doing what they do' and they therefore ask Bowes Brooks to complete the Bookkeeping, VAT returns, CIS returns and Payroll.

There has recently been a surge in new clients that are specifically interested in investing in property, some for the first time and others that are seasoned investors. All have been looking for advice on how to properly structure their investments, which is due to the recently announced changes in this area.

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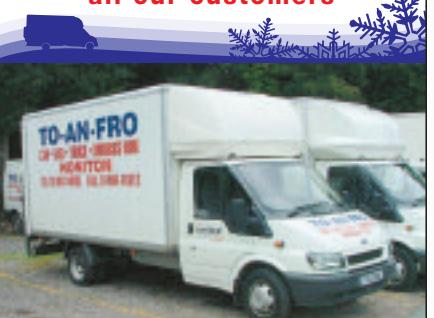
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At this time of year we often find ourselves dealing with common festive emergencies. Please be careful during this time to ensure your Christmas goes without a trip to the vets.

Christmas pudding and cake quite often contain a high quantity of raisins, currants and sultanas which can be highly toxic to dogs. While some individual dogs may show no obvious clinical signs after ingestion it can take as little as 8 raisins to cause severe renal failure.

It may also go without saying, but alcohol and pets

don't mix. Alcohol toxicity can cause a dangerous drop in your pet's blood sugar levels, blood pressure and body temperature. Seasonally also watch out for antifreeze even small spills and empty bottles and cause lethal poisoning, especially in cats who are attracted to its sweet taste. Within 30 minutes animals can be vomiting and cause irreversible damage to kidneys usually resulting in euthanasia.

If you notice your pet has consumed any of your Christmas goodies please contact the hospital immediately on 01297 630500.

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Cats are often more fascinated by Christmas trees than us and like to climb and explore. Make sure your tree is very secure and any glass tree decorations or those with sharp edges are well out of the way of your intrigued feline. Cats also can enjoy a nibble on tinsel. They tend to eat lengths of stringy material which can then cause a concertina effect on the intestines. This can be very harmful and requires surgery to treat, so keeping tinsel and string out of harm's way is much safer!

What Christmas is complete without chocolate? Unfortunately many dogs, and sometimes cats, also believe this to be true! Chocolate can cause vomiting and diarrhoea and in larger doses, liver failure and can be fatal. The higher the cocoa content the more the risk, so keep those expensive dark chocolate truffles out of the way of any investigative hounds in the house! Be wary of chocolates on the tree and wrapped in presents within reach. Remember a small number of extra treats can lead to rapid weight gain which can take a long time to lose.

Dried fruit is also a risk to dogs and can cause renal failure so keep Christmas pudding, mince pies and Christmas cake away from low tables or other places your crafty hound may be able to get to.

For some of us, it can all get a bit much at these festive times. We may like our house being filled with family, friends and music but not all our pets do. For some, the bustle and noise can be very stressful. If you have a timid pet who enjoys the quiet, make sure there is somewhere peaceful that they can go to not be disturbed. They may prefer to have their food and litter tray in a hidden corner.

Most importantly, have a wonderful Christmas with your furry friends and if you have any worries or suspect your pet has eaten something they shouldn't, don't hesitate to call your vet for advice. Merry Christmas!



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UNTIL THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH

AXMINSTER: Visit a new pop-up shop, Artemis House Gallery, selling a wide range of paintings, prints, cards, stained glass, lamps and mirrors by local artists Christine Allison, Anthea Simmons, Ann Pengelly, Elizabeth Richie, Trisha Hayman, Pam Allsop and Karol Kulik. Open Thursdays-Sundays 10.15am-4.00pm. Artemis House, 7 West Street, Axminster, Devon EX13 5NX. www.artemishouse.co.uk

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking For One Demonstration with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am-12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & sequence dancing hosted by Jean & David raising monies for Childrens Hospice SouthWest £3 inc tea & coffee. At St Francis Church, Sidmouth EX10 9XH at 2.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre, doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Traditional Christmas Lunch - £7 for members / £9 for non-members. 12 noon for 12.30pm.

HONITON: 'Le Roi Soleil' a Honiton Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture presents an intimate portrait of Louis XIV, examining his patronage of the arts and special love of music and dance. At the Beehive, Dowell St, EX14 1LZ at 2pm. Non members welcome - £6 donation suggested. No booking required. For further information see www.honiton-dfas.org.uk or phone 01404 548113.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9TH

ROUSDON: Combyrne Rousdon Social Club Annual Turkey Bingo. Club open from 7:30 p.m, eyes down at 8pm. Half time Pastries, Hotdogs and Tea or Coffee. Bar also available. At Peek Hall, Rousdon.

COLYTON: Literature and Landscape in East Devon: a talk by Peter Nasmyth (Author) at 2.30pm in The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields. Coly Road, Colyton followed by mince pie and wine. All welcome. Donation at door please. Organised by the Devonshire Association (Axe Valley Branch). Telephone 01297 678529 for information.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Traditional Christmas Lunch - £7 for members / £9 for non-members. 12 noon for 12.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH

CHARD: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart Health & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At Crowshutte House, Crowshutte Link, Chard, TA20 2EZ. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information, email laura@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club. In house print competition on the subjects of Monochrome and Open will be held in the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm. Further details/enquiries can be obtained from Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885

HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.

SIDMOUTH: Thursday Market in St Johns Hall, Blackmore Drive. 9am-3pm. Every Thursday until December 17th.

CREWKERNE: Pioga (pilates and balance) at Stav Marital Arts Centre, 7.45pm.

DALWOOD: The Matt Carter Quartet at Tucker's Arms, 8pm. Tickets £7. For more details call 01404 831280

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street. Christmas Social with Floral Arrangements by Angle of Cottage Flowers, Ilminster followed by Tea and Mince Pies. Visitors welcome, charge £2 to include refreshments. For more details call 01297 24049

SEATON: Seaton Music - Katie Stillman on violin and Simon Lane on piano playing Mozart and Strauss on at 7.30pm at Seaton Town hall. Tickets £14, under 18s and full time students free, on the door or 01297 625699.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members.

HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration, St Pauls Church, opens 10 am and late till 8 pm Refreshments all day Entry £2

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH

Songs and instrumentals from the prohibition era

ENJOY A NIGHT OF 20s and 30s music with "Spats" Langham (Guitar, Banjo, Ukulele, Vocals) and Mike Denham (Piano) at Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne next Friday, December 11th.

A whistle-stop tour, calling at Chicago (for Al Capone's nightspots) – New Orleans (Storyville) – New York (the speakeasies) – Paris (le Hot Club) - and stations en route. Fantastic musicianship and an engaging presentation from Mike and Spats, celebrating great music by Fats Waller, Django Reinhardt, Bing Crosby and the like.

Tom and Mike have duetted together on many occasions, each one generating a great audience reaction. Lots

of stories and illuminating comment about the songs and tunes they sing and play. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear these genuinely individual and entertaining characters at the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne.

Tom "Spats" Langham started playing ukulele and banjo as a young boy, taught by his grandfather, until, at the age of fourteen he also took up guitar and began appearing with local bands in his hometown, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Twenty-five years ago he became a professional, joining The Charleston Chasers, before moving on to play with a veritable "who's who" of British bands including Chris Barber, Acker Bilk, Monty Sunshine, The Temperance Seven, Bob Kerr and The Pasadena Roof Orchestra. He now travels the World, working with overseas "greats" such as Marty Grosz, Bob Wilbur, Kenny Davern, Howard Alden, Bucky Pizzarelli, and many more.

Pianist Mike Denham performs at many festivals and venues around the UK, either playing solo or with the Sunset Cafe Stompers. His piano playing ranges from the very earliest days of jazz with ragtime and early blues, through Fats Waller's "Stride" style and the "Great American Songbook" to the 1950's "Rock 'N Roll" style heard with the likes of Chuck Berry and Fats Domino. Mike frequently duets with some of the UK's top vintage musicians.

Tickets: Supper and concert £20, Concert only £12. Contact the Centre on 01460 74340.

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TATWORTH: Film: Mr Holmes (cert PG) at the Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.

SIDMOUTH: Market in the Methodist Hall, 9am-3pm. **CREWKERNE:** Pioga over 50s (pilates and balance) at Henhayes Centre, 9.30am

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All ages are welcome; very friendly atmosphere and good food. This will be a special Christmas meal, so please book in advance (by Tuesday 8th) by phoning 01460 77057. Further details also available on the same number.

HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration, St Pauls Church, opens 9.30 and open till 4pm Refreshments all day Entry £2

FRIDAY DEC 11TH - SUNDAY DEC 13TH

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence dancing at Uplyme Village Hall, 8pm-10.30pm. Entry £4.50 per person, in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & Sequence dancing at Stowford Centre (opposite Waitrose) with the Dancing Duo, from 8-11pm. £6. For more details call 01803 325905.

YARCOMBE: Yarcombe Market, 10am-12noon. Meat, cards, bric-a-brac, tea, coffee and cake, and much more.

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CHARD: Chard Royal naval Association annual Christmas dinner and raffle at the Golden Fleece Perry Street at 7pm for 7.30pm. This will be the last event until the new year. Enquiries to join the association be made through contact with Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978

CHARD: Chard Camera Club Christmas dinner at the Ridgeway Inn, Smallridge Devon at 7pm for 7.30pm. This is the clubs last function till the new year. Enquiries of the club can be obtained from Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885.

HAWKCHURCH: Christmas Dance to Gen Gap at Hawkchurch Village Hall, from 7.30 pm. There will be a raffle and bar included. Tickets £10 to include supper from Brian and Anne Gibbins, 01297 678295

MERRIOTT: Bingo at Merrriott social club, eyes down 7.30pm all welcome.

AXMINSTER: An Evening of Festive Music, with the Axe Valley Community Choir, directed by Edward Jacobs. 7 pm The Minster. Refreshments Served. Tickets £10 from Archway Bookshop, The Tourist Office and Dalwood Community Shop. All proceeds to Axminster Heritage and The Minster.

HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club Christmas Bazaar, 9.30am-1pm. See Santa free. Table for sellers available for £5. Friendly welcome and atmosphere always. For more details call 01404 43545.

HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration, St Pauls Church opens 9.30 and open till 4pm Refreshments all day Entry £2

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH

SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen Jazz Band (Pete Allen, Andy Dickens, Bobby Fox, Dave Hanratty, Richie Bryant, James Clemas, and Dave Moorwood) at Kennaway House Cellar Bar, 3-5.30pm (doors 2pm.) Admission £13.50. Call 078999 25194 for more details.

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale 9am-2pm at Colyford Memorial Hall. Call 01297 23591 to book - £5 per table.

HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration opens mid-day till Closing Carol Service at 3pm Refreshments. Entry £2

HONITON: Carol Service at the Community Church at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road, 6.30pm.

HONITON: Big Christmas Party at Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication.

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Make we Merry!

Seaton Choral Society Christmas Concert

SEATON CHORAL SOCIETY will present its Christmas concert at The Gateway, Seaton at 4pm on Sunday, December 13th, with doors opening at 3.30pm. It promises to be a joyful occasion!

The title "Make we Merry" comes from the words of one of the eight carols which form the framework for Geoffrey Bush's 'Christmas Cantata'. This is a delightful piece, featuring well-known tunes and words skilfully woven to create an original choral work. Central to it is a prolonged and exciting chorus 'Make we Merry' with some hair-raising passages of rhythmic and harmonic surprises – a challenge for any amateur choir! In contrast the surrounding sections re-create the mystery of Christ's birth in music of great tenderness and melodic beauty. A string quartet and oboe accompany.

The second half of the programme will feature 'Navidad Nuestra' – 'Our Nativity' – by the Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez. Each stage of the Nativity is painted in simple words and given a Latin flavour with catchy, folk-like tunes and strong South American rhythms. Guitar and percussion will add colour to this charming, lively music.

The concert will end with a varied selection of carols. It will be conducted by Dr Peter Milmer, with soloists Susie Milmer and Leslie Baker. Tickets will cost £10 – (free for those eighteen and under) - from The Gateway Box Office, (Seaton Town Hall) Tel: 01297 625699. Please note the unusual starting time of 4pm, with doors opening at 3.30pm.

Wurlitzer's final show of 2015 is a hit

THE POPULAR and talented Matthew Bason returned to Beer on November 28th to entertain the audience to a fun afternoon of popular music. As well as playing show tunes on the Beer Wurlitzer, he also played jazz on the piano, lively tunes on the accordion and showcased his powerful voice with renditions from *Oklahoma* and *Les Misérables*.

Matthew is a regular guest organist at Beer and commented "how great it is to perform for such a large and appreciative audience" and complimented Glen and the team for all the work they do. The Friends of the Beer Wurlitzer are delighted that 2015 has been the most successful year ever with a big increase in audience numbers and top organists keen to make their way to Beer to play on this unique Wurlitzer, the oldest in the UK.

March 12th is the

first date to put in your 2016 diary when Andrew Nix will be the guest organist. Shows are held at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, EX12 3JQ - admittance is £7.00 on the door which includes interval refreshments, children under 16 are free.

For further information phone 01297 24892 or visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk.



Matthew Bason

Rock on with Nik Ryan at the White Hart



GUITARIST and vocalist Nik Ryan will be playing at the White Hart in Wilmington on Friday, December 11th, covering some of the very best guitar based rock and pop covers from the last four decades.

Nik is one of the most popular guitar vocalists on the south west music scene incorporating su-

perb playing with a great sense of humour, as he rocks his way through the show getting the audience on their feet as well as tearing it up on the guitar.

All eras of guitar driven rock and pop are covered in the evenings entertainment giving fans of all ages the chance to experience a dynamic night

out with songs from Queen, Bryan Adams, The Eagles, U2 and the Beatles, amongst others.

He has been featured in Guitarist magazine and regularly plays festivals and venues in Europe and the U.S.A with his band The ZZ Tops.

Don't miss a great night out Nik starts at 8.30pm and entry is free.

Honiton 55 Centre

HONITON 55+ Centre, at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way, is now open Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays from 9am to 4pm for half or full day care, as well as the very popular lunch club.

The club will be running a Christmas Bazaar and Auction on Saturday, December 12th from 9.30am–1pm. There will also be a cake competition on the day, as well as festive stalls, entertainment and refreshments. The charity auction will be for two tickets to see Exeter Chiefs v Ospreys at Sandy park on Saturday, January 23rd.

Christmas lunches are available at the club on Monday 14th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th at 12.30pm each day. The lunches are open to all, and include a two course festive meal. Booking is essential, and there will be entertainment each day. All proceeds from these events go to the honiton 55+ club

To book or for more details call Jean on 01404 43545, or email honiton55@btconnect.com

Youth group's Showcase

HONITON Players Youth Group will be performing their 'Showcase' this Saturday, December 12th.

All those pictured below, aged 9 to 14, are taking part in the Showcase, an evening of family entertainment.

The Showcase event takes place at Mackarness Hall, Honiton at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 (under 16s free), from the Honiton Toy Shop or on the door



Honiton Players Youth Group Showcase

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

7.30 p.m. Mackarness Hall, Honiton

Adults £5 | Under 16 Free

Tickets from The Honiton Toy Shop or on the door

Take a ride on The Polar Express!

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ is coming to Seaton Tramway on selected dates through December! Families will enjoy the magical tram ride to Santa's home at the North Pole in one of the specially decorated single deck trams, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, a delicious treat, speak to Santa and admire the awesome lights of the North Pole.

Children will also receive the first gift of Christmas from Santa himself. Upon the return journey you will be able to enjoy singing along to Christmas carols. For the grown-up kids too, this is a trip down memory lane to a traditional Christmas of old.

There are only a limited number of seats on our snug single deck trams for The Polar Express™. So, to avoid disappointment, please book your place by going online to www.tram.co.uk or telephoning 01297 20375 in advance. The Polar Express™ will be running December 4-6th, 11-13th & 18-24th.

To travel on a The Polar Express™ Tram Ride from Seaton Terminus, adult tickets are £19.95, Children (3 to 15 years) £15.95, and children under 3 years are FREE. The fare includes the return

tram ride, a hot chocolate and treat and the first gift of Christmas for children.

And at Christmas time, what better way to explore the Jurassic Coast at Seaton as well as the wintry scenes along the River Axe Estuary and Axe Estuary Wetlands with all the amazing wildlife to be seen, including deer, maybe even Rudolph!

If you fancy a bit of fresh air and time away from the TV, the Tramway will be open on Sunday, December 27th, and also on Friday, January 1st 2016 again, when we invite travellers to join us for a glass of bubbly for adults and a soft drink for children to celebrate the start of 2016.

All tickets and Loyalty Cards can be purchased at the Seaton Terminus and Colyton Station ticket offices or online at: www.tram.co.uk.



Lions Club call in the Tank!

SEATON & District Lions Club present top comedian Tank Sherman at the Gateway, Seaton Town Hall.

Tank Sherman is one of the most well known, well loved and respected comics in the West Country and the UK. He will be appearing at the Gateway along with support act, Pure Crystal.

There will be a special appearance by Seaton Carnival Queen, Jenny

Weber who will be singing accompanied by her father Karl Weber. Jenny is raising funds for a charity activity visit to Borneo in 2017.

So book your seats at a table, bring your own snacks for a picnic and get ready for an enjoyable evening.

Tickets are £15 in advance from the Gateway Box Office telephone: 01297 625699

SEATON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PRESENT

AN EVENING WITH TANK SHERMAN

Pure Crystal

Special Guest Vocalist Jenny Weber

Saturday 19th December

at the Gateway, Seaton Town Hall

Tickets £15.00 in advance.

Tickets available from Gateway Box Office - tel: 01297 625699

Doors Open 7.30pm

Dining out in East Devon & South Somerset

The Kingfisher Inn

Free House Dolphin Street, Colyton



THANKFULLY a few proper old taverns still exist – and The Kingfisher in Colyton is among the very best of them.

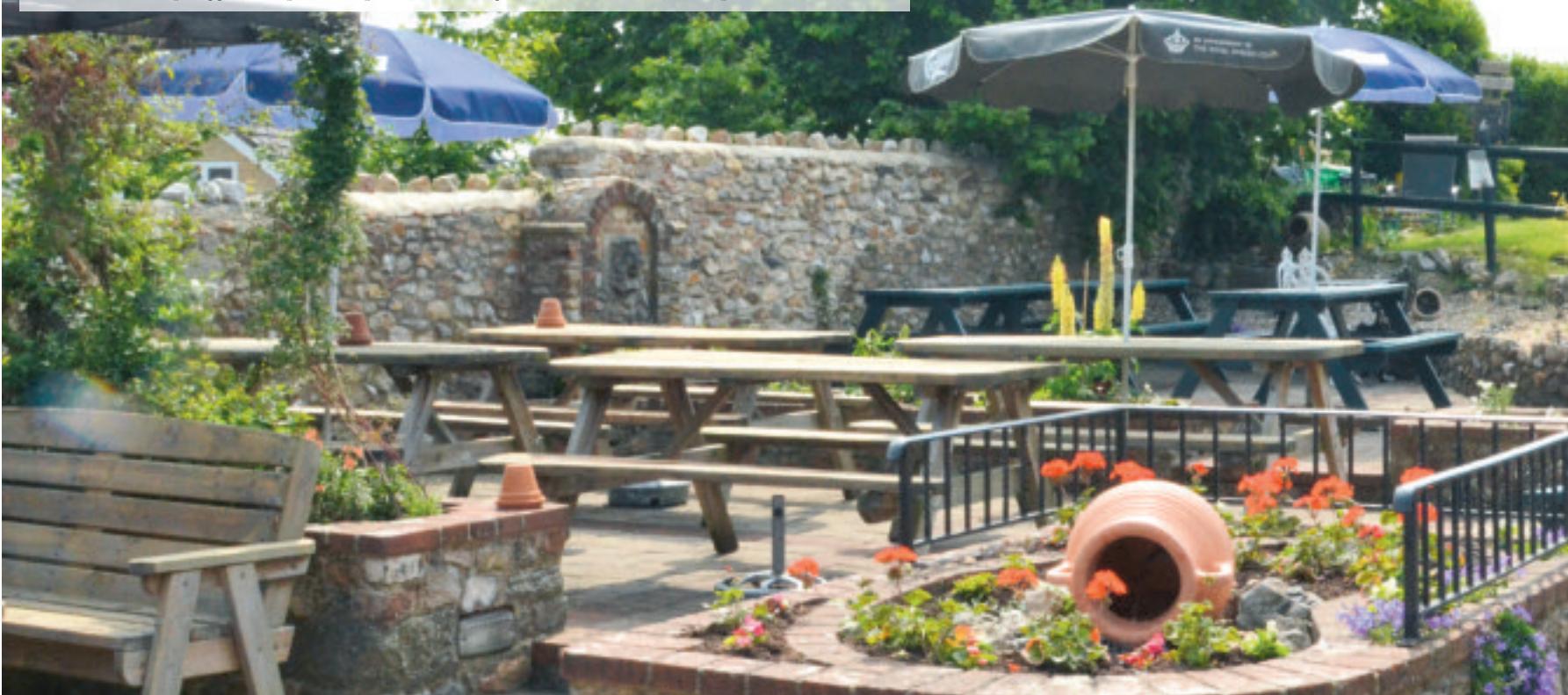
The visitor looking for an unspoilt, traditional Devon pub where the hospitality is hearty need look no further than this 16th Century inn, easily found in the centre of the town. It's exactly like an old pub should be – traditional roasts on Sundays, meat raffles in the bar every Saturday, CAMRA-rated honest local ales, a beautiful beer garden and a rare place where you can still play skittles, darts and crib.

The Kingfisher is also the friendly home to great British pub grub – fish and chips that are said to be the best in the area, steak and kidney pie, chicken and leek pie, whitebait, stuffed mushrooms, baked salmon, sirloin steak, scampi, egg and chips and raspberry and

apple pie are among the choices that are all freshly-homemade and come in large portions.

It is a popular spot with walkers and rave reviews of the welcome at The Kingfisher have come from as far as California. Typical is the thumbs-up from a recent visitor from Birmingham, who wrote: "It's been a long time since we enjoyed a simple, well-cooked pub meal and this pub does the job. We had scampi, chips, peas and salad and ham, egg, chips and peas and our meals were thoroughly enjoyable. The food was well presented – no attempts to be a gastropub or anything fancy, just good, wholesome pub grub. We cleared our plates and we just wish that this pub was our local! We will definitely be back."

A great find, a little Devon treasure and highly-recommended by all its patrons.



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The Kingfisher Inn

Free House Dolphin Street, Colyton



Kingfisher Christmas Party Menu 2015

(For groups of 12 or more)

£19.00 per person

Home-made Tomato Soup

Avocado Pear and Prawns served in a Marie Rose Sauce, served with salad

Farmhouse Pâté, served with brown toast

Creamy Garlic Mushrooms, Mushrooms sautéed in garlic butter, with cream.

Traditional Roast Christmas Turkey

Served with roast potatoes, sausage and bacon roll. Stuffing and Cranberry sauce and gravy

Tenderloin of Pork, with a brandy & mustard sauce

Served on a bed of mash potatoes

Baked Salmon, with a broccoli and stilton sauce

Served with new potatoes

Mushroom Stroganoff

Mushrooms sautéed with red onions, finished with a sauce of brandy, garlic, tomato and cream and served with rice

All main courses are served with a selection of local seasonal vegetables

Christmas Pudding, with a choice of pouring cream, brandy sauce or brandy butter

Chocolate Brownie, with a choice of pouring cream, ice cream or custard

Baileys Ice Cream Cheesecake

Cheeseboard (£1.50 extra)

Coffee & Mints



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Email: thewhitehart11@btconnect.com



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Christmas Menu

STARTERS...

Hearty Tomato, Red Pepper & Basil Soup
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Festive Liver Pâté

served with warm brown toast, butter & our delicious chutney

North Atlantic Prawns

served with a Marie Rose sauce, granary bread & butter

Pan Fried Creamy Garlic Mushrooms
smothered in a creamy garlic sauce, served with crusty bread & butter

MAINS...

Traditional Roast Turkey
served with cranberry sauce, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, sage and onion stuffing & chipolatas wrapped in bacon

Traditional Roast Pork
served with our homemade apple sauce, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & sage and onion stuffing

Baked Salmon

served with new potatoes and a garlic, onion & herbs sauce

Homemade Vegetable Lasagne
with vegetables & pasta, topped with mature English cheddar & garlic bread

All of our mains come with fresh seasonal vegetables

DESSERTS...

Traditional Christmas Pudding
served with brandy sauce or cream

Homemade Sherry Trifle
with a wee kick!

Chocolate Yule Log
served with cream

Cheese Board

Trio of cheeses served with crackers, butter & a fruit garnish

All finished off with coffee or tea, and a mince pie
Festive décor and music all round. Christmas crackers too...

PRICES

Adults

1 Course £9.75 • 2 Course £13.75 • 3 Course £16.75

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1 Course £7.25 • 2 Course £11.25 • 3 Course £14.25

HOW TO BOOK

A non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per person will be taken on all bookings,
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Bookings are essential!

This Menu is available from
Monday 30, Nov - Wednesday 23, Dec 2015

WHAT'S ON AT THE WHITE HART THIS CHRISTMAS

New Year's Eve: open from noon, food served from noon till 6pm. Santa will be here to see the kids at 5pm. Board Games, Cards & Darts (7-10pm)

Christmas Day:

open 11am-2pm, drinks only

Boxing Day: open from noon, food served from noon till 6pm. Quiz at 7pm.

New Year's Eve: "Flower Power Party" fancy dress and disco. Buffet will be served £6 for adults, £4 for kids. Kids will receive their own party pack. Kids will be entertained in the skittle alley.

New Year's Day: open from noon. Food served from noon till 6pm.

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Christmas Menu - Bookings now being taken

Christmas Party Menu

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- Christmas Raffle Draw 9pm
- Christmas Day - Open for drinks 11:30 till 1.30
- Boxing Day - Silly Sausage & Mash Menu
- A large selection of flavoured sausages
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Diary Dates

SUNDAY DEC 13TH – WEDNESDAY DEC 23RD

AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church Christmas Tree Festival open daily 11am–6pm (Sun 20th 11am–3pm) The theme this year "A Song for Christmas" Entry by donation to Friends of Axmouth Church.

MONDAY DECEMBER 14TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.

COMBE ST NICHOLAS: Combe St Nicholas History Group are having a talk by David Greenfield called 'Brunel in Somerset'. Especially of interest to all railway lovers about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the building of the railway through Somerset. 7.30pm in Combe St.Nicholas Village Hall. Entry £2 for members, and £3 for visitors including seasonal refreshments.

SIDMOUTH: Folk Orchestra of East Devon Winter Concert at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street, 8pm. Admission free, bucket collection for Music Room Restoration Fund.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15TH

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre, doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church 12.30pm Colyton Grammar School Junior Choir perform a selection of Christmas Carols and Songs. Entry by donation to the Friends of Axmouth Church.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk in the Function Room at the Dolphin Hotel, Beer, EX12 3EQ. Starts 8pm through to 10.30pm. For more details contact, Andrew 01404 46451 or Adrian 01404 549 903.

AXMINSTER: Coffee Afternoon and Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30–4pm. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

CHARD: Rotary Club of Chard holding a Carols By Candlelight Service, in Chard Methodist Church, at 7.30pm. Admission free, but a collection for Chard & Crewkerne After-Stroke Group, and other rotary charities. Coffee and mince pies, afterwards.

COLYTON: Colyton Carnival Christmas Bingo. At Colyton Town Hall. Eyes down 8pm. Usual Christmas goodies and cash flyer.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

SIDMOUTH: Seasonal Sounds from the Talatones Handbell Choir and The Sidford Vocal Quartet, 2.30pm at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street. Free admission, bucket collection for Music Room Restoration Fund

WEDNESDAY DEC 16TH – SATURDAY DEC 19TH

CREWKERNE: Christmas Tree Festival will be held in St. Bartholomew's Church, from 9.30am–5.30pm (Friday 18th till 4pm). Admission free, donations for church welcome. Refreshments available. Children's picture competition.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cook and Chat coffee morning and cooking demo. For Parents/Carers with children, by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster 9.30–11am. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.

SIDMOUTH: Thursday Market in St Johns Hall, Blackmore Drive. 9am–3pm. Every Thursday until December 17th.

CREWKERNE: Ploga (pilates and balance) at Stav Martial Arts Centre, 7.45pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dance at the Victoria Hall. 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 p.p. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 45520

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30–12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information, email

Songs of the sea

ACCLAIMED as the finest purveyors of sea songs and sea shanties in the world, The Kimber's Men are stars of Channel 4's Sunday Brunch, and they will be singing up a storm on The Marine Theatre Stage on Saturday, December 19th. Nothing beats the resonance of hearing a hearty group of male singers of this quality live. The group now comprise Joe Stead (Ship's Doctor), John Bromley (Ship's Cook), Neil Kimber (Bosun), Gareth Scott (Powder Monkey) and Michael Beeke (Stowaway). Michael plays the Northumbrian Pipes and has added a completely new dimen-

sion to the sound since joining the band three years ago.

Comedy, unusual for shanty singers, make up a good part of the show. So be prepared to laugh.

In John Bromley Kimber's Men boast the finest bass singer on the British folk scene today. Indeed it is likely you will get a rendition of 'Old Man River' at some point during the concert. The founder member, Joe Stead who is almost a legend in his own right actually met and sang with Paul Robeson and was a friend of Pete Seeger the legendary American singer who died recently. Pete wrote such classics as 'Where

have all the flowers gone' and 'If I had a hammer'. Joe has performed twice in concert in America with Pete, both in New York and for the Delaware River Valley Project in New Jersey when Neil Kimber accompanied him.

Kimber's Men play on Saturday, December 19th, 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis.

Tickets are £14.50, or concessions £12.50, a TheatreFriends discount is available, and LYT members can come for £1! / All Ages / Running time: 90 minutes plus interval.

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HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.

SIDMOUTH: Market in the Methodist Hall, 9am–3pm.

HAWKCHURCH: Bingo at Hawkchurch Village Hall, to include Christmas Special and Children's Special. Draw, mince pies and cash prizes. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Ploga over 50s (pilates and balance) at Henhayes Centre, 9.30am

WHITELACKINGTON: Stanchester Quire Christmas Concert, 7.30pm at Whitelackington Church, £8 per ticket including refreshments. Tickets available from Minster Pharmacy in Ilminster. Any further questions please call 01460 54952.

AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church 7.30pm Axe Valley Community Choir Concert. Entry by Donation to Friends of Axmouth Church.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH

MERRIOTT: Carols & Classics 7. An evening of Festive arrangements and Classical Music by the Fisher Sinfonia (7th year). Musicians from UK Leading Orchestras at All Saints Church Merrriott (TA165PS). 7pm. Mince Pies & Refreshments 7:30pm Concert. £8 ticket Reserve to avoid disappointment on 01460 76360. Church Fabric Fund.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH

SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & sequence dancing hosted by Jean & David raising funds for ShelterBox. £3 each. Licensed Cafe open for light refreshments. At Stowford Centre EX10 9YL. 2.30–5pm.

SIDMOUTH: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.

HONITON: Carols by Candlelight at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 6pm.

HONITON: Carols Service at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.

MONDAY DECEMBER 21ST

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness December Meeting. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Gauld on 'Ghost Busting'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm – 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Festive Refreshments) Festive Draw with lovely prizes. Please bring plate of food to share. Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22ND

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23RD

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH

CREWKERNE: John De Barra live at the King William.

HONITON: Cris Service in the Church of England St Paul's, High Street, 11am.

HONITON: Carols (10.30pm), Christmas Eucharist (11pm) at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.

HONITON: Carol Service with Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 8pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH

HONITON: Holy Communion (traditional) at 8am, and Christmas Eucharist at 9.30am, at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.

HONITON: Short Celebration Service at Community Church at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road, 10am.

HONITON: Family Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Family Service led by Mr John Firth, at Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Day Family Service led by minister Rev Jonathan Froggatt at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 11am.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH

HONITON: Boxing Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 9.30am.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST

CREWKERNE: Yeovil Car Club New Year's Day Classic Car Meet, Haselbury Mill, TA18 7 NY 10am – 2pm No pre booking, £2 per car. Hog roast and licensed bar. Up to 150 Classics expected (no modern saloons please), Details www.yeovilcarclub.com or 01297 552267.

Pulman's **Property View**



5 TIPS FOR SELLING YOUR HOUSE

1. IT'S said that neutral decor sells homes and, of course, it does. It's tough to be offended by neutral colours, and then if buyers want to inject colour and pattern, it's not hard to do so. Neutral doesn't, by any means, have to be bland and boring though - it's all about how you put the look together with accessories, flooring and furniture. Neutral colours, especially white, also help to make rooms feel lighter, brighter and more spacious. The Dulux Light + Space Matt range (from £20.99 for 2.5ltr, www.dulux.co.uk) has the same intention. These neutral and pastel colours use light-reflective particles to bounce light around, and work especially well in gloomy north-facing rooms.

2. IT'S easy to live with unfinished DIY jobs, but once you've decided to put your home on the market, dodgy DIY is a big no-no. It can put buyers off and make them think they'll need to spend more time and money finishing the work than they necessarily will. If you can't do the jobs yourself, get a pro in - it will be money well spent. Even if you've finished the DIY, you need to keep on top of it because things deteriorate. Common problems include marks on walls, hairline cracks that keep opening and chipped wood-

By Julia Gray, Press Association

ress Association work. Things like this make your home look shabby, so going from room to room with a fresh eye and putting right the problems is worth the effort.

3. IT'S also worth scrutinising the outside of your home. Exterior maintenance is easy to overlook, but it's something a buyer's surveyor will pick up on, so it's worth pre-empting any remedial work, as it could save you time, money and hassle. Not maintaining the exterior can also lead to problems inside, such as damp caused by missing or slipped roof tiles, or faulty guttering. And don't forget kerb appeal - making a good first impression from outside your home is essential. Inside, a neat and tidy hallway also creates a good first impression - ensure there's enough storage for coats, shoes and scarves, etc, preferably out of sight.

4. GIVING your home a really good clean - and cleaning, airing and tidying it before every viewing - is a must. If you have masses of personal items on display, consider packing them away. While making your home look too sterile won't help sell it, a cluttered home will put buyers off. Remember, they may look in cupboards and

wardrobes, so stuffing these full of things isn't the answer because it shows you don't have enough storage space. Instead, create more storage, preferably built-in or in the loft or garden, or get the stuff out of your home and into a storage unit.

HOW-TO-TIP: Worklights are invaluable when the days are shorter, but they're really bright and can cause you to see imperfections you wouldn't normally see in either daylight or artificial light (depending on the type of artificial light in the room). This can mean you end up doing more work than you need to, if, for example, you're filling walls and woodwork. Directing the light away from where you're working helps, so you benefit from the light but it's not directly illuminating what you're working on. Worklights are also brilliant for drying things quickly, including paint and filler, and give off a surprising amount of heat, so they can be used to warm up a room in preparation for painting. Paint shouldn't be applied in temperatures below 10°C.



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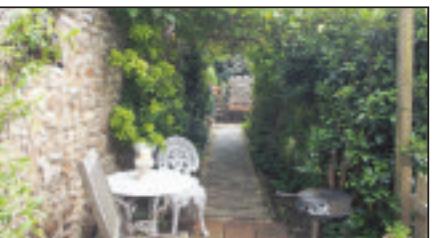
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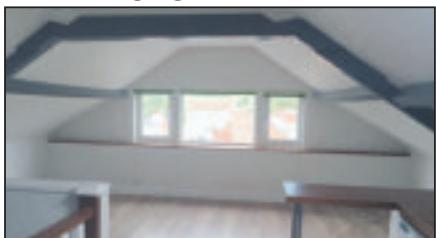
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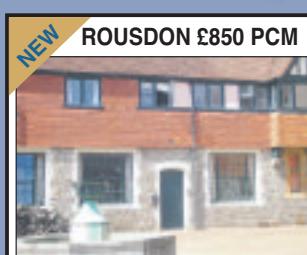
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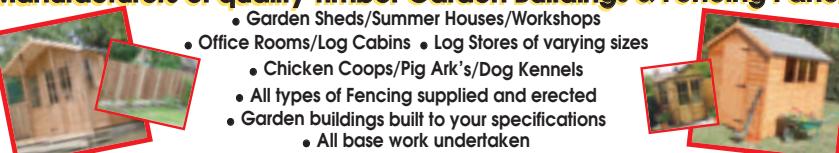
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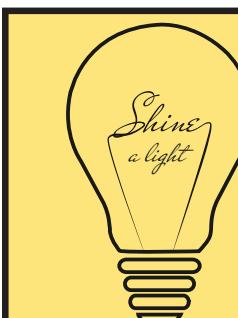
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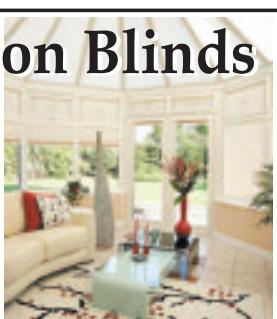
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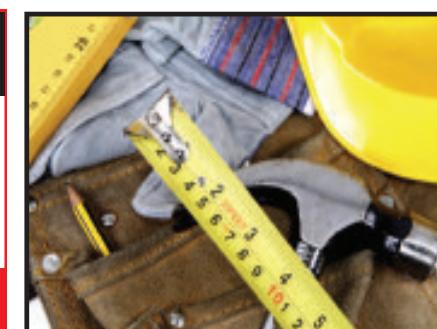
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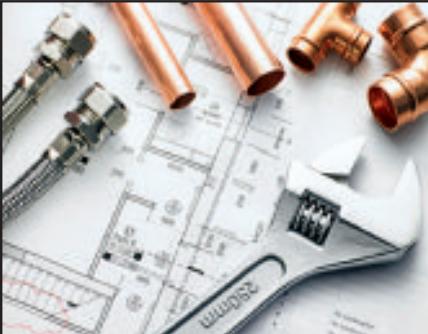
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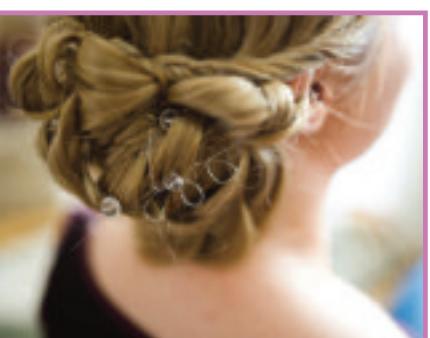
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New Vitara S added to range

JUST eight months after the successful UK launch of the new Vitara, Suzuki is introducing the S model in January 2016 which provides a more sporting and dynamic character to the Vitara line up. Vitara has already proved to be a very popular model in the range with over 5,000 units sold to date.

Specification Highlights

A full standard equipment table for the new S model is listed at the end of this release. The new S has a unique specification that provides a visual difference to other models in the Vitara range.

Standard equipment for all Vitara models in the range is comprehensive and includes seven airbags, alloy wheels, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control with speed limiter, auto air conditioning and front and rear electric windows.

The S model is equipped with 17-inch Gloss black alloy wheels, unique grille design, satin silver door mirrors, LED Headlamps with red projector covers, rear upper spoiler and black side body mouldings. For the interior the sporting theme continues with red interior stitching, red accents for air conditioning vent and instruments and aluminium alloy pedals.

Vitara S is available in the following colours:

- Bright Red (solid colour)
- Cool White Pearl metallic
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BOOSTERJET Engine

The new S model is the first Suzuki to be launched that utilises the new BOOSTERJET technology engine which in Vitara is a 140PS 1.4-litre Direct Injection turbocharged unit (DITC). This new engine has compact dimensions and offers 220Nm of torque available from just 1,500rpm through to 4,000rpm.

The BOOSTERJET engine is a newly developed Suzuki unit that is characterised by improved fuel efficiency and driving pleasure that has been made possible by using a small displacement, high torque turbocharger. By controlling the wastegate valve, which closes to create higher boost pressure during heavy load operation and remains open during normal driving, the system reduces pumping loss, thus achieving high levels of both power and fuel-efficiency.

During development, Suzuki's engineers virtually eliminated the typical delay in turbo power delivery or 'lag' by installing the specially developed compact turbo charger attached directly to the cylinder head as well as incorporating the exhaust manifold into the cylinder head casting. This design ensures optimum gas flow with minimal heat loss through to the turbo unit. The turbocharger has a boost pressure of 1.1Bar.

Historically, power and torque delivery from a turbocharged engine would not have been available until much higher engine speeds, offering less flexibility to the driver.

The 1.4-litre engine offers strong benefits in performance too with a 0-62mph acceleration time of 10.2 seconds for both manual

and automatic transmissions and a maximum speed, where permitted, of 124mph.

A six-speed manual transmission is fitted as standard for the new 1.4-litre BOOSTERJET engine with optimised gear ratios to help provide a good combination of performance and fuel economy. Additional measures include a shift lever counterweight to help provide a smooth, positive shift action.

A six-speed automatic transmission is available optionally which has a wide gear ratio range to permit precise driver control and help provide quick response at low vehicle speeds (for instance, when pulling away from standstill or driving slowly uphill). The transmission has an expanded lockup range to promote good acceleration, high fuel economy and low levels of NVH. Additionally, a manual mode is fitted to enable the driver to change gear using shift paddles behind the steering wheel.

CO2 emissions

The Vitara's CO2 emissions are low thanks to the use of high tensile steel and other weight saving measures in the body. This has resulted in the Vitara being one of the lightest SUV's in its class at just 1,210 kg for the new S model with manual transmission.

An Engine Auto Stop Start system is also used which shuts down the engine when stationary.

Four-wheel drive is typically seen as detrimental to fuel economy and emissions performance. By contrast, Suzuki's ALLGRIP system enables CO2 emissions that are remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV.



▲ The new Suzuki Vitara S

CO2 emissions for the new S model with its standard ALLGRIP system and manual transmission is 127g/km and just one gram higher for the optional automatic transmission.

Suzuki evolved its renowned four wheel drive technologies into new generation that delivers driving pleasure and peace of mind in diverse conditions while promoting economy and limiting the burden four wheel drive cars place on the environment.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP system is fitted as standard on the new S model. It has four driver-selectable modes for safe, enjoyable driving on diverse surfaces. ALLGRIP debuted in the S-Cross model in 2013 and has since proved very successful. During development, the Vitara ALLGRIP system was enhanced by the addition of a feed forward function that allocates torque to the rear wheels before any slippage can occur. The system has four driver-selectable modes

which are Auto, Sport, Snow and Lock.

On conventional full time 4WD vehicles, feedback control allocates torque to the rear wheels after detecting front wheel drive slippage.

On Vitara, as well as offering feedback control it also offers feed forward control that anticipates slippage based on road surface, throttle opening position, steering angle and other factors. In summary, rather than reacting after grip is lost, it controls the vehicle to prevent grip from being lost which results in greater stability.

The Vitara is rated one of Europe's safest cars according to independent crash testing results from Euro NCAP, and received the maximum 5-star rating. Vitara was also the first compact SUV to earn five stars in the more rigorous 2015 Euro NCAP testing programme which reinforces the exemplary level of safety of the model.

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THE SSANGYONG Tivoli petrol was launched into the compact SUV sector in May this year, followed a few months later by an all-new 1.6 litre Euro 6 diesel engine available across the range. Now the company is adding 4x4, making it one of very few four-wheel drive cars available in this segment of the market. "Tivoli is really helping to put SsangYong on the map," says Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK. "We are delighted with the reception the car has received from our customers as well as the media, who recognise the real step-change that has taken place."

"It is being recognised for its style, safety and equipment, interior space and finish, but especially its value for money and industry leading warranty, and now with the launch of Tivoli 4x4 we have another opportunity to extend this appeal even further."

Diesel power

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The fifth generation E-VGT turbocharger on the e-XDi160 diesel engine maximises performance especially in the mid-low speed range so it is fun and responsive to drive. Two transmissions are offered, a 6-speed manual and Aisin 6-speed automatic.

In terms of economy, the Tivoli diesel 4x4 achieves up to 60.1mpg on the Combined Cycle with manual transmission, and 47.9mpg for the automatic.

Four wheel drive performance

SsangYong is Korea's specialist 4x4 and SUV manufacturer, and the design and engineering on the Tivoli 4x4 draws on the

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The Tivoli 4x4 also features multi-link rear suspension for a comfortable drive on the road, and increased wheel articulation for optimum grip off-road.



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Young, male drivers still risking their lives and others by drink driving

WHILE crashes caused by drink drivers are continuing to fall slightly, some drivers are still not getting the message about the dangers, especially men in their 20s who are still the most prolific offenders.

The number of crashes, where at least one driver was over the limit, dropped by 930 between 2010 and 2013 (6620 in 2010 and 5690 in 2013) but the number of people killed in that kind of crash has remained at around the same level - 240 per year since 2010.

Almost 13 per cent of men aged between 20 and 29, who were breathalysed after a crash in 2014, were over the legal drink drive limit and another 5 percent had some alcohol in their system.

On average almost 26 people are killed or seriously injured in drink drive crashes per week in Great Britain.

That means, between now and 25th December, another 66 people could end up opening presents in hospital beds, or simply not all after being involved in a drink drive crash.

The safest thing to do, is not to drink any alcohol at all if you are planning to get behind the wheel of a car or on a motorbike. This is why Brake, the road safety charity is calling for a zero tolerance approach to alcohol and driving.

Gary Rae, director of communications and campaigns for Brake, the road safety charity, said:

"Drink and drug driving remains one of the biggest causes of devastating road crashes; often young and inexperienced drivers and passengers are involved and frequently they are the tragic victims. We must continue to send a clear message to all drivers, but especially young men, that drinking and driving is a lethal cocktail. It's shocking to

see how many crashes, many involving deaths and serious injuries, have involved men in their twenties. We are calling on the UK government to introduce a zero-tolerance drink drive limit"

Brake has produced a free interactive e-learning resource to bust myths around drink and drug driving

and convey the horrendous risks, particularly geared at young people.

'Sober up' can be used by anyone who works with young people or drivers, including: driving instructors; teachers; youth workers; community leaders; employers; and emergency services and road safety professionals.

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Sport - local football news

with Howard Larcombe



Students give 10-man Ax a lesson

Vere double lifts Vikings - defeat double for Rise - too dark at Seaton

SW Peninsula League D1 (E)

EXETER UNI 4 AXMINSTER TOWN 1
AXMINSTER knew they would need to be at their best to gain something against a team who narrowly lost out to Against Premier Division leaders St. Austell the previous week.

Conditions were bad, extremely windy and heavy under foot.

After some close efforts early on Axminster took the lead when Luke Finn opened his account for club latching on to a through ball and placing it beyond the advancing goalkeeper.

Entering the last 15 minutes, the Tigers looked solid and capable of holding their advantage.

Unfortunately this all changed when Ben Clay was shown a second yellow card and sent off after upending an opposing striker in the area.

This frustrated The Tigers as the hosts centre back had received just a few words from the official in identical circumstances.

The resultant penalty was struck wide of the target but was quickly evaporated.

Uni were gifted an equaliser when a shot squirmed past keeper Scott Wells-Burr.

This led to a total capitulation by Axminster who made many errors which were punished by an eager University team who added three more goals in quick succession.

LIVERTON 0 SIDMOUTH TOWN 3
SIDMOUTH opted to defend against the howling wind in the first half and were well marshalled by the vocal Anthony Griffiths, this ensured that goal keeper Alex Bowring was rarely tested.

The first goal came in the 15th minute with Cameron Vere picking up on a defensive mix-up that saw the home custodian out of position, Vere expertly curled home a left foot effort from 25 yards out.

The Vikings were in complete control and were rewarded for their dominance on the half hour when Vere jinked past two defenders before sitting the keeper down and then passing into an empty net.

Five minutes before the break keeper Bowring handled outside of his area and the resulting 30-yard wind-assisted strike smashed the post much to the relief of Bowring.

The second half saw Liverton overload the midfield, but they still could not find a way past the excellent Sidbury defence of White, Newberry, Griffiths and Wellman.

The third and final goal came in the 66th minute and was fittingly scored by Ashley Small playing in his last game before embarking on a year's trip to Australia.

MoM Vere then missed a glorious chance to complete his hat-trick firing over from three yards out.

SIDBURY UTD 1 BEER ALBION 1

D&E Premier Division

BEER Albion earned a valuable point away at fellow strugglers Sidbury United in a hard-fought contest.

The Fishermen produced one of their best performances of the

season and will be disappointed that they did not get the victory as they spurned several good chances to finish the game off.

The game was marred by a couple of bad-tempered incidents which unfortunately detracted somewhat from what was otherwise an entertaining game of football.

Sidbury started with a strong wind at their backs but it was Beer who mastered the conditions better by getting the ball down and playing to feet.

Striker Richard Walker was prominent in most of Beer's early attacking play, and he set up skipper Sam Phillips on 26 minutes but his shot was well saved by the Sidbury keeper.

Then Sidbury fashioned their first real attempt, a looping header just wide of keeper Mike Westlake's post.

As the half wore on Beer began to get control of the game and Walker's header from a corner looked goal-bound but was brilliantly saved.

Then Walker turned his marker but shot wide from 12 yards.

Just before the break Beer were almost caught on the break but Westlake made a good save from a deflected shot.

After the interval the Fishermen carved out, but failed to convert, some good chances.

With Phillips, Walker and substitute Tom Neale all going close.

Neale then found himself one-on-one with the home side's keeper but failed to convert.

Beer took the lead on 71 minutes when a through ball from Ollie Morgan found Walker who turned two defenders and rifled home from 15 yards.

Beer then switched off and were almost caught on the break twice before Sidbury equalised on 80 minutes.

A long through ball held up in the wind allowing a Sidbury forward and substitute to both sent off following a dispute over a refereeing decision.

Next Saturday, Sidbury visit The Frenzibake for the return fixture. Kick off is at 2.15pm and the match sponsor is Wozzie's Deli, Fore St, Beer.

OTTERTON 1 MILLWEY RISE 0

Devon Intermediate Cup

MILLWEY Manager Simon Flint was forced to re-jig the formation yet again due to several last minute absences for the journey to current Division Five leaders Otterton.

The wind was the real winner in this Devon Intermediate Cup game and made any attempt to play football a lottery on the home side's exposed pitch.

With the wind in their backs Otterton soon began making their physical presence felt. Levi Hoole in particular, became the target of some crunching tackles. He did come close after 20 minutes when his header skimmed the bar.

The nearest Otterton came to scoring in the goalless first half was from a free kick which flew just over Nathan Hoole's crossbar.

The second half was more of the same. Tyler Warren was put through only to see his lob drop over the bar. Otterton were then awarded a penalty for what seemed a trivial incident but the resultant kick went wide.

Both Warren and Wormsley then went close for Millwey, but Otterton scored the winner in the 75th minute.

MORCHARD BISH 2 AXMINSTER RES 6

Division Four

PLAYING against the wind in the first half Axminster survived a few scares in the first 15 minutes before getting into the game and taking control.

Oli Hightett opened the scoring on 25 minutes with a cracking volley from the edge of the area.

On the stroke of half time Tigers conceded a penalty which was duly converted.

With the wind at their backs Ax started the second half slowly and the hosts took the lead.

But a switch to a 3-4-3 formation saw The Tigers dominate the rest of the game.

Stuart Broom levelled the score, Dan Beer scored a fine hat trick and Drakes Etoar added the sixth five minutes from time.

STARCROSS GENERALS 5

BEER ALBION RESERVES 4

Division Five

BEER Albion Reserves visited Starcross Generals in a Division 5 encounter and finished up on the wrong end of a nine-goal thriller.

The Fishermen held a 4-2 advantage at half time.

But back came the Generals in the second half to score three times and clinch the points.

Beer's scorers were Jack White, Aaron Wain, Simon Smith and Ross Broome.

EXMOUTH AMATEURS 3RDS 6

MILLWEY RISE RESERVES 1

FIRST team call-ups decimated the Reserves at Exmouth. However they did take the lead with a goal from Joel Seward.

Exmouth came back, netting the rebound from a penalty Millwey's keeper had pushed away. They scored a second before half time.

After the restart it was a very much backs to the wall performance with Ray Coombes outstanding in the middle of the defence. But Exmouth went on to score another four and ran out comfortable winners.

D&E round-up

with Collin Goodwin

ELMORE progressed in the Throgmorton Devon Premier cup with a 3-1 victory against neighbours TIVERTON TOWN RES.

In a fiercely fought encounter Peninsular League Tiverton took the lead but ten minutes from time Kieran Rapo equalised and in extra time Matthew Watts and Bradley Newberry goals booked the Eagles a quarter final spot.

SEATON TOWN led Peninsular League NEWTON ST CYRES 2-1, but it finished 2-2 and the referee judged that after extra time it was too dark to take penalties.

The tie has been re-arranged for Saturday with the winners entertaining Marjon.

SIDMOUTH TOWN 3RDS made it into the last eight of the Devon

Intermediate cup with a 1-0 win against NEWTON ST CYRES respectively.

Dan Norman, Danny Lewis and Ben Ede scored as FENITON won 4-1 at CLYST VALLEY to stay in touch at the top of the D&E Premier.

In Division One BUDLEIGH SALTERTON RES won their first away match in nearly two years coming from two down to beat COLYTON 3-2. Callum Somers and George Richards scored for Colyton.

UPOTTERY were tested by WITHERIDGE but scrambled home 3-2 with Steve Morris, Jason Kennard and Dan Hole scoring.

In Division Two EXMOUTH TOWN beat promotion rivals LYME REGIS 2-1, a Rob Fellingham penalty kept Lyme in the game.

There were 40 goals scored in the five Division Three matches. Leading the way were NEWTON POPPLEFORD who battered THORVERTON 12-1. The UNIVERSITY saw off ST MARTINS 8-1, Tiago Dias scoring twice, and CHAGFORD won 4-2 against TEDBURN ST MARY.

In Division Five, FENITON went down 4-2 at PRIORY.

WINCHESTER are up to joint second in Division Six after winning 6-2 against DUNKESSWELL. In Division Nick Home bagged a hat-trick as CENTRAL won 5-0.

RESULTS

DEVON PREMIER CUP THIRD ROUND

Appleford 4, Ifracombe Tr 2, Brauntown 4, Hatherleigh Tr 3, Bud Salterton 3, Teignmouth 3 (Teignmouth won 4-3 on pens). Elmore 3, Tiverton 1 (AET).

Galmpton Utd 2, Buckland Ath 2 (Buckland won 3-1 on pens). Seaton Tr 1, Newton Spurs, Abdn, FIREWATCH DEVON SENIOR CUP

FOURTH ROUND

Amory Park Rgs 1, Lapford 3, Chulmleigh v Henry's Cronies. Culmpton Rgs v Tipton St John. Culm United v Dawlish Town. East Budleigh v Exmouth Town. Hemyock v Newton Town. University v Lyme Regis.

DIVISION THREE

Chagford v Lapford. Chelton Fitzpaine v Axmouth United. Clyst Valley v University.

Exmouth Amateurs v Thorverton.

Langdon v Topsham Town.

Newton Poppleford v St Martins.

Tedburn St Mary v Woodbury.

DIVISION FOUR

Amory Park Rangers v North Tawton. Bampton v Honiton Town.

Bow AAC v Sampford Peverell.

Morchi Bishop v Countess Wear.

Pinhoe v Flaxton.

University v Axminster Town.

DIVISION FIVE

Alphington v Otterton.

Fenton v Beer Albon.

Kentsbeare v Upplowman Athletic.

Ottery St Mary v Hatherleigh Town.

Priory v Awliscombe Utd.

Starcross Generals v Sandford.

DIVISION SIX

Newton St Cyres v Exwick Village.

Royal Oak v Millwey Rise.

Silvertown v East Budleigh.

Whitton & Pinhoe v South Zeal Utd.

Winchester v Ilminster Town.

Winkleigh v Stoke Hill.

Woodbury v Dunkeswell Rovers.

DIVISION SEVEN

Bradninch v Chelton Fitzpaine.

Central v Seaton Town.

Lyme Regis v Tivvy Park Rangers.

Offwell Rangers v Elmore.

Wellington Town v Langdon.

DIVISION EIGHT

Ashwater v Exmouth Spartans.

Cranbrook v Chagford.

K&P Polonia v Bampton.

Lymstock v Ottery St Mary.

Sandford v Sidmouth Town.

Stoke Arms Utd v Bickleigh.

DIVISION NINE

Amory Green Rovers v Witheridge.

Axminster Town v Kentsbeare.

Exmouth Amats v Tedburn St Mary.

Fenton v Newton Poppleford.

Lapford v Honiton Town.

Millwey Rise v Uttover.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

by Howard Larcombe

FARWAY UNITED failed to end their poor away form with a 7-1 defeat away at Division Two title favourites South Petherton Reserves with Lee Couch scoring the consolation. Farway visit Winsham Reserves on Saturday.

Farway Reserves' scheduled game at Dowlish & Donyatt was postponed. Next up is a trip to re-formed Halstock.

After a weekend off HAWKCHURCH UNITED return to Division One action with Saturday's visit by Combe A.

Ilminster Town A ...10

Chard Utd All Stars...10

Farway Utd Res ...10

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six-a-side football Lokomotive steam on up

Axminster Leisure Leagues

LOKOMOTIV Sneaky Russians are making their move for the title in the Axminster League and sit second after a 12-0 thumping of Ramos Army with Rob Larcombe in MoM form.

The defeat sees the Army sink to the bottom of the table, with the Tools moving up a spot despite losing 2-1 to 2 Goals/Klopp.

Defences were very much on top elsewhere and there were two 0-0 draws.

The most important of these saw Lads On Toure consolidate their position at the top of the table against Pinkpanthers AFC.

It was a very similar story in Division One, with a pair of 0-0s - one of which saw Stop The Bus lose ground at the top.

Tekkerslovakia beat Millway Maddos 3-0 in something of a derby match, but it was Six Off who really gave notice of intent, seeing off Jurassic Coast Athletic 9-0 as Mike Pike dived into the goals.

Anyone who wants to join the leagues in Axminster can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit <http://www.leisure-leagues.net/uk/england/devon-and-cornwall/axminster-saturday.aspx>

Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Lads on Toure	6	23	11
Lokomotiv SR	6	16	7
Rapid V	6	6	7
Two goals/Klopp	6	-1	7
Pinkpanthers AFC	6	11	5
Ramos Team	6	6	5
Ramos Army	6	27	2
The Tools	6	34	2

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Tekkerslovakia	6	15	12
Stop the Bus	6	9	10
Six Offenders	6	8	6
Uplyme & Sinder	6	3	6
Milway Maddos	6	-2	6
Valareal	6	0	5
Carehomes SW	6	12	1
Jurassic Coast Ath	6	-21	1

netball honiton

Tyres deflated

HONITON: Hi Q 42 JD Tyres 6, Otters 43 Sidmouth TC 24.

Division One: Pd GD Pts
Hi Q 8 186 24
Otters 8 126 22
Flamingos 6 154 18
Uplowman 6 100 16
Sidmouth TC 7 -71 9
Signs South West 7 -110 5
Tip Top Trees 7 -126 5
JD Tyres 7 -259 0

DIVISION TWO: Howden Hawks 22 Otter Valley 23, Pixies 19 Blackdown Ladies 19, Sidmouth Toucans 18 F & P Panthers 22, Beer Blazers 11 Swaggermamas 21.

Another success came against BUDLEIGH 75-36, top rink Les Crook, Joan Mackintosh, Ted Cox & Dulcie Broughton 31-11.

MERRIOTT SMBC with Anne Weeks

MERRIOTT had another busy week with a 14-12 win over Trull in the Milford & Dorset League.

On Saturday two teams participated in the Taunton Deane Charity tournament at Donyatt. This event raises money for the Children's Hospice and huge support was evident from the number of teams taking part.

◆ See more on our website www.axminster-today.com

starter's orders running news

AVR trio reign in Otterton 'Deer run'

HONITON RC
with Judy Davey

SIX Honiton runners braved strong winds to take part in last Saturday's OTTERTON REINDEER RUN organised by Sidmouth Running Club. Starting at Otterton church the race made its way along lanes and muddy fields. However there were breathtaking views across Lyme Bay before the runners headed back towards Otterton along the River Otter.

Howard Bidmead and Roger Saunders ran the first part of the race together before Howard pulled away and finished strongly coming in 31st in 47 minutes 35 seconds. Roger was not far behind in 44th place in a time of 50.54.

Linda Pike came next in 87th place 56.10. Wendy Williams 154th 1.05.54. Rachael Handmpsa 162nd in 1.07.03. Nicola Greenland 169th in 1.09.09 and Teresa Pollard in 170th place in 1.19.10.

The race was won by Graham Hill from Sidmouth in 39.20. There were 211 finishers.

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS
with Dave Mutter

THE FULL MONTY CUTE 10.5 mile race is well known on the circuit for being a seriously challenging off road race, with 10 hills in total, one of which actually requires a guide rope to pull yourself up!

Last Sunday there was an AVR triple, with James Green 1:14:57 and Amy Greenhalge 1:23:27 winning first male and female respectively and Eleanor Wood 1:37:58

pelting around bagging the over 55 vet prize yet again.

James overtook the leading group around mile six. Matt Clist came in fourth 1:19:01, after an unfortunate detour at mile five, with the time it took him to re-join the course route costing him enough time to put him out of contention.

First lady was Amy Greenhalge who lead from the off, beating last year's winner by a good five minutes.

John Greenhalge knows the course well, having run it six times before, and finished in 1:53:59.

John Larcombe also had a strong race completing in 1:58:58. To cap a fine day AVR won the mixed team trophy with James, Matt, Amy and Eleanor.

The Smith family have been busy in the last week.

On Thursday Caitlin Smith entered the East Devon v Exeter junior girls race with her school at Okehampton and won her race.

On Saturday her school travelled to Bedford to run in the English Schools Cross Country Cup National Final.

Caitlin finished 11th out of 145 in the Junior Girls race and the Colyton team finished 9th out of 25 schools.

Then finally on Sunday she ran in the Devon Cross Country Championships at Exeter and finished 3rd in the U13 girls race.

Molly Smith also ran in the Devon Cross Country Championships at Exeter on Sunday and finished 5th in the U15 girls race.

Meanwhile, Jake Smith ran for his



◆ WELL DONE: Eleanor Wood, Amy Greenhalge, Matt Clist and James Green collect the team award at the Monty CUTE.

College in the East Devon v Exeter senior boys race at Okehampton and won his race.

Jake also ran in the Devon Cross Country Championships at Exeter and finished 13th in the men's race - he was the first or second U20 finisher (results not yet out).

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

THE WINDS BLEW IN BUSY WEEKEND FOR CHARD RAID RUNNERS.

OUT FIRST, WITH AN EARLY MORNING START ON SATURDAY, WAS PAUL MASTERS WITH A TRIP DOWN TO LULWORTH COVE DORSET.

WITH THE BREEZE PICKING UP THE PRE-RACE BRIEFING OF "KEEP BACK FROM THE CLIFFS" IT WAS WITH SOME TREPIDATION THAT THE 200+ RUNNERS SET OFF UP THE HILL OUT OF LULWORTH COVE.

MASTERS MADE STEADY PROGRESS THROUGH THE FIELD BUT WITH THE WINDS PICKING UP PAUL WAS BLOWN BACKWARD WHILST TRYING TO RUN DOWN HILL!

PAUL MANAGED A VERY CREDIBLE 39/210 FINISHING IN 5:15:59.



◆ GREAT YEAR: Chard Road Runners pictured at their annual awards evening held at Chard Cricket Club at the weekend.

jack high bowls round-up

HONITON with Julie Grant

FOUR Honiton bowlers helped Devon Ladies to victory over Somerset in the national inter-county knock-out ATHERLEY TROPHY.

Carole Binmore, Sue Evans, Julie Grant & Rosemary Hiron played at Donyatt last Sunday with Devon victorious by 120 to 94.

In mixed friendlies the combination of Carol Armitage and Jimmy Smith achieved top rink in two wins, as did Ted Cox in a 100-64 win against TAUNTON DEANE where the top rink was Ted Cox, John Munslow, Carol Armitage & Jimmy Smith 38-8.

Carol and Jimmy combined with June Lee and J Mabbott to be top rink in Honiton's 93-60 victory over FENITON.

Another success came against BUDLEIGH 75-36, top rink Les Crook, Joan Mackintosh, Ted Cox & Dulcie Broughton 31-11.

AXMINSTER with David Harris

THE Ladies narrowly lost their County 'Lanes' match 57-66 against TORQUAY UNITED despite an excellent win by the home rink of Barbara Mowatt, Daphne Ryan & Margaret Crompton (16-10) - the away rinks of Jan Parsons, Jean Kesterton & Judith Moffitt and Jan Quick, Phil White & Ann Clayton were unlucky to lose by one and four shots respectively.

In the mixed friendlies we lost 56-71 at TAUNTON DEANE with

a winning rink of Malcolm Denslow, Brian Cursley, Sid Milburn & Derek Phibey (23-16).

We then had an excellent 55-49 win at MADEIRA with wins for Malcolm Denslow, Neil Solomon, John Hill & Brian Clark (22-13) and Phil White, Ken Quick, Jean Kesterton & Derek Phibey (16-13).

Next up we had an excellent 73-41 home win over DONYATT with wins on all rinks - Pam Hunter, Ann Clayton & George Mabon (29-9), Sue Stevenson, Keith Stevenson, Malcolm Denslow & Margaret Crompton (23-17) and Alan Foster, David Harris, John Hill & Derek Phibey (21-15).

Our final match was a 48-61 away defeat at TAUNTON BC with only Daphne Ryan, Keith Stevenson, David Harris & Derek Phibey managing a win (21-15).

Meanwhile JAMES WINDSOR (16) was narrowly knocked out of National Under-18 KO Competition in the second round by an excellent young Yeovil bowler.

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter

IN THE EAST DEVON LEAGUE Chard won at COMBE ST NICHOLAS by six games to two and 57 points to 48.

In the MILFORD & DORMOR League unbeaten Harlequins beat Trull 12-11, Greyhounds went down heavily 23-6 against

Musbury and Canaries defeated Hurricanes 16-11.

THE TWO MATCHES PLAYED ON DECEMBER 3RD SAW IDENTICAL 14-12 WINS FOR HURRICANES OVER MUSBURY AND CANARIES OVER TRULL WHILE HARLEQUINS PULLED AWAY AT THE TOP OF THE TABLE BY BEATING GREYHOUNDS 22-11.

ILMINSTER

with Des Maull

ANGIE THOMPSON, HAVING PASSED HER INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL EXAM, HAS BEEN SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 33 UMPIRES AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NEW ZEALAND IN NOVEMBER 2016.

ON SUNDAY ILMINSTER WERE AT HOME TO CLEVEDON IN THE NATIONAL TOP CLUB - A FIVE-RINK MIXED COMPETITION WITH ONE POINT FOR EACH WINNING RINK. ILMINSTER LOST BY THREE RINKS TO TWO.

DETAILS: LADIES TWO WOOD SINGLES, HEATHER GRINTER 20-11; MEN'S TWO WOOD SINGLES, TONY PETERSON 10-18; FOUR WOOD MIXED PAIRS ANGIE THOMPSON & BEV BRISTER 17-13;

MIXED TRIPLES, DOT WHELAN, KEVIN HAMILTON & PAUL DENSLAW 17-20; MIXED FOOURS, JILL PARKER, MAUREEN MITCHEL, JASON MILES & WILL ANDERSON 16-30.



darts round-up

COLYTON & DISTRICT

RESULTS (1001/PAIRS FIRST):

WEEK 8: Seaton Saints 1(0) Seaton FC A 4(6). WEEK 9: Seaton FC A 5(4) Vault 0(2); PIs 4(6) Seaton Saints 1(0); Beer Club B 3(4) Colcombe C 2(2); Kingfisher B 2(1) Kingfisher A 3(5); Kings Arms B 1(2) Seaton FC B 4(4).

WEEK 10: Vault 0(2) Seaton FC B 5(4); Kingfisher A 3(4) Golden Hind 2(2); Colcombe C 3(2) Kingfisher B 2(4); Seaton Saints 0(0) Beer Club B 5(6) (default win); Seaton FC A 5(5) PIs 0(1).

7-dart leg: Vinnie Sweeny (Vault). 8-dart leg: Mark Fisher (Seaton FC A).

HIGHEST MAKEOUT: 122 Alex Anning (Seaton FC A). 180s: Pete Letten (2) (Colcombe Castle), Vinnie Sweeny (Vault), Steve Hayes (Seaton FC B).

1001/PAIRS	Pld	Pts	SINGLES	Pld	Pts
Seaton FC A	9	43	Seaton FC A	9	43
Seaton FC B	10	41	Seaton FC B	10	41
PJs	9	30	Kingfisher A	9	35
Bear Club B	9	26	Kings Arms B	9	34
Kingfisher A	9	24	Beer Club B	9	28
Kings Arms B	9	20	PJs	9	28
Golden Hind	9	19	Golden Hind	9	27
Vault	9	18	Vault	9	22
Colcombe C	9	13	Kingfisher B	9	21
Kingfisher B	9	10	Colcombe C	9	14
Seaton Saints	9	8	Seaton Saints	9	7

cribbage round up

LYME REGIS

RESULTS - November 30th:

New Inn Kilm B 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Old Inn Kilm 1 New Inn Kilm A 4, Royal Oak 0 Ship Inn LR 5, Nags Head 3 Axminster Inn 2, Talbot Arms 4 Stepps 1, Axminster Con Club 3 Lamb Swans 2.

Fixtures (December 14th): Axminster Inny 1, Talbot Arms 2, New Inn Kilm 1, Nags Head 2, Axminster Con Club 1 Lamb Swans 2.

Beer League: New Inn Kilm B 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Old Inn Kilm 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, Royal Oak 2 Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm A

League table	Pld	Pts	Beer League	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms	12	39	New Inn Kilm A	12	21
Royal Oak	12	33	Royal Oak	12	21
New Inn Kilm A	12	32	Axminster Cons	11	20
Nags Head	12	31	Gerrard Arms	12	20
Beer Club	12	31	Talbot Arms	12	19
Stepps	11	30	Lamb Swans	10	18
Axminster Cons	11	28	Nags Head	12	17
Lamb Swans	10	27	Stepps	11	16
Ship Inn	10	26	New Inn Kilm B	12	16
Old Inn Kilm	10	25	Ship Inn LR	10	14
New Inn Kilm B	12	25	Axminster Inn	10	13
Talbot Arms	12	20	Beer Club	12	12
Axminster Inn	10	18	Old Inn Kilm	10	12

HONITON (Dec 3rd): Blacksmiths Arms 4 Honiton B 4, Honiton Inn A 4 Thirsty Farmer 4, New Fountain 6 Workingmens B 2, Vine Inn B 3 Feniton Soc B 5, Workingmens A 5 Vine Inn A 3.

Captains Cup: Hedley Hawkins 0 Maureen Pendrick 1, Lionel Hawkins 1 Julie Davis 0, Lorraine White 0 Audrey Feniton Soc A.

Captains Cup	Pld	Pts
Blacksmiths Arms	12	63
Thirsty Farmer	12	52
Feniton Soc B	12	49
Vine Inn A	12	48
New Fountain	12	47
Workingmens A	11	46
Vine Inn B	12	46
Workingmens B	12	44
Honiton Inn B	12	43
Feniton Soc A	11	41
Honiton Inn A	12	41

Fixtures (Dec 10th): Feniton Soc B v Honiton Inn A, Honiton Inn B v Workingmens A, New Fountain v Vine Inn B, Thirsty Farmer v Blacksmiths Arms, Vine Inn A v Feniton Soc A.

Captains Cup: Hedley Hawkins 0 Maureen Pendrick 1, Lionel Hawkins 1 Julie Davis 0, Lorraine White 0 Audrey Feniton Soc A.

Captains Cup	Pld	Pts
J.Bath	11	8
J.Davis	12	7
A.Hawkins	12	7
B.Flood	12	6
H.Hawkins	12	6
M.Dent	12	6
L.Hawkins	12	6
R.Freemantle		

rugby chard rfc

BY GLYN HUGHES

Late score hurts

CHARD 18

WESTON-SUPER-MARE 29

South West Division One
THIS was going to be a really tough game anyway but even more so in the dire weather conditions but credit to both sides for providing the crowd with an exciting game.

Weston certainly deserved to win the game, but Chard were denied a losing bonus point when outstanding Weston scrum half Hayden Tuttiett made a break with virtually the last play of the game to score an superb individual try.

Considering that Chard went into the game with a real patchwork team, as a result of injury and late withdrawals, they put up a very creditable performance.

With the first choice back row pair of Ryan Helliar and Chris Spurle having to fill in half-back Chard could have been up against it but as the game settled down the side proved to be very competitive throughout.

Weston took an early lead with an two unconverted tries but Chard hit back with a penalty goal from the boot of MoM Helliar and in the last quarter of the first half they got right back into the game Weston having a man sent to the bin.

Within minutes Chard had taken advantage and Spurle picked up and drove over for an excellent try.

The conversion was missed and Chard trailed 10-8 at half-time.

Weston gained good ground early in the second-half and skipper George Sparks picked up and went over.

Some slack tackling deep in the Weston '22 allowed the visitors to break clear and winger Ollie Caton crossed for a converted try in a move that covered 70 metres.

The Chard forwards were really putting Weston under pressure and, following a series of drives, the referee yellow carded one of the Weston forwards and awarded Chard a penalty try which Helliar converted.

Helliar soon added a penalty to put Chard within seven points, and a possible point, but the late try from Tuttiett sealed victory for the visitors.

Unbeaten run ended

NAILSEA & BACKWELL 17 CHARD 5

Somerset League

CHARD Colts lost for the first time this season against a useful Nailsea team.

Chard played up the considerable Nailsea slope in the opening half and found themselves having to defend virtually throughout the opening 35 minutes.

Chard however missed three up front tackles and conceded three tries one of which was converted and this gave Nailsea a 17-0 interval advantage.

Despite everything in their favour in the second half Chard were unable to make the most of numerous chances and their only score came when Joel Nicholls got the touchdown following a driving maul from a lineout.

Saturday's fixtures: 1st xv away at Clevedon, 2nd xv home against Imperial (2pm); Colts home v Minehead (at Crewkerne Road).

Local golfers battle through

HONITON with Liz Rogers

MIXED REPORT

FOR this week's mixed competition the format was American Foursomes.

The winning pair with 38 points were Heather Clark & Mike Watts. In second position on countback with 34 points were Hilda Hoepelman & Bob Barnes.

LADIES SECTION

IT was a Christmas Fun Competition this week. The format was three-ball better ball over 14 holes with the best two scores to count.

Taking first place were Chris Pearce, Linda Blundell & Carol Cole with 55 points. In second were Sue Ritchie, Lesley Oxenham & Stephani Barnes (54).

Hilda Hoepelman, Janet Hughes and Jan Lloyd claimed hidden prize for the best score on the second hole with five points.

SENIORS SECTION

FORTY-THREE seniors played a pre-Christmas Lunch Stableford competition with the normal 18 holes were shortened to either 10 or 11.

Winner of the group starting on the 1st and playing 10 holes was Tony Williams with a superb 25 points. In second place was Pete Morgan with 20 and Alan Pollock was third with 19.

The group starting on the 11th had the harder challenge of negotiating the tough stretch of holes 15 or 18.

Mike Watts rose to the challenge taking first place with 22 points. In second place was Phil Faulkner with 20 and the third prize went to Vic Wood.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Mens section played their monthly Stableford competition with the following scores; 1st with 34pts was Jin Hong. Also with 34 placed 2nd, was Gavin Walker and in 3rd place was Richard Gibbons.

The Seniors' Winter League 4th round produced the following results: 1st, Terry Jessop & Adrian Bishop 37pts, 2nd Ron Bragg & Mike Jamieson 32 and 3rd, John Hannah & Peter Hornsby with 31.

The Ladies section four-clubs and a putting competition was won by Margaret Kenchington with Helen Kenworthy as runner up.

CRICKET ST THOMAS

with Bert Robinson

ON Monday, the Seniors and Ladies sections combined to form the annual Christmas Cracker competition in aid of the two respective charities.

This was a three player Bowmaker with teams of two men and a lady, played over 15 holes due to the adverse conditions.

In a close encounter, only one point separated the first three positions, with the trio led by Linda McDonald winning by a single shot.

Both Captains were delighted to announce that

£145 had been raised for their respective Charities.

Result; 1st Linda McDonald, Bob Barrow & Clive Fisk 58pts, 2nd Fran Branchflower, Roger Stone & Alan Davis 57, 3rd Kim Clark, Nobby Hodder & Bill Hilson 57.

Eleven teams of three took part in the Waltz Bowmaker competition on Wednesday.

In testing blustery winds, the scoring was not great and no team managed to break par.

Result; 1st Nick Hill, Dick Hall & Ian Fielder 67pts, 2nd Frank Martin, Richard Forster & Alan Davis 63, 3rd Phil Hunt, Bob White & Danny Dowell 62.

Forty two Seniors competed in turkey trot on Friday, result; Division One; 1st Danny Dowell 38pts, 2nd Tony Church 37, 3rd Stuart Pope 36.

Division Two; 1st David Taylor 40pts, 2nd Brian Marsh 32, 3rd Andy Beale 31.

youth football news

Wind blown weekend for youths

SEATON UNDER 10S travelled to Exmouth playing the Tornados and Hurricanes - names that summed up perfectly the weather conditions!

Despite the gale force winds the standard of football was fantastic. First up Seaton beat the Tornados 2-1. Seaton began strongly and Leo Gribble opened the scoring following good work by Henry Matthews.

The second half was backs to the wall stuff and Seaton had to dig in and show their mettle against the fierce wind, but a swift counter attack saw Thomas Browne calmly slot the ball home.

Despite conceding once Seaton weathered the storm for a deserved win.

Next up the Hurricanes gave Seaton their toughest test of the season and were soon 2-0 up.

They rallied with a goal from George Gait but were always on the back foot and eventually lost 3-1.

Man of the morning was Daniel Baltruschat.

Millway Rise round-up

UNDER 8s Exeter & Dist League: Stoke Hill

Rovers 3-0 Millway Rise, Stoke Hill United 1-0 Millway Rise

UNDER 10s Exeter & Dist League: Honiton Hornets 2-1 Millway Rise Eagles (Louis Newcombe), CS Lions 2-1 Millway Rise Eagles (Finlay Downes), CS Lions 9-0 Millway Rise Falcons, Honiton Hornets 4-2 Millway Rise Falcons (Oliver Fountain, Joshua Marlow).

UNDER 11s Exeter & Dist (Division 1): Sidmouth Warriors 2-0 Millway Rise

Axminster Town U8 v

West Hill & Brixington Blues

THE first game against West Hill saw the young Tigers put in their best season's performance so far.

Goals from Joseph Morgan (3), Bailey Galway (2), Corey Pritchard (2) and George Chapman made the final score 8-1 to Ax.

The second Game against Brixington Blues proved to be a far tougher test. A tight first half ended goal less but the opposition began to dominate and with the pressure eventually told and the Tigers goalkeeper Dylan Burrough was finally beaten.

hockey chard

Kyle holds key to away victory

Bridgwater C 2 Chard A 3

SUBSTITUTE Kyle Wheaton starred, scoring one and making another for two-goal hero Harvey Dening as Chard 2nd XI overturned a half-time deficit at blustery Chilton Trinity.

Chard went to the match with just 11 players but were boosted not only by the arrival of Wheaton but also that of Chris Knight, both arriving in time to make first half appearances.

Bridgwater set a fast tempo from the first whistle and Berge Balian in goal had to

make a couple of smart saves but the hosts pressure finally told and they took the lead after 25 minutes.

In the second half, and with the game evenly balanced, Wheaton got Chard back on equal terms, hustling into the D, resisting challenges before scoring with a neat flick to the top corner.

Impetus was slowly swinging Chard's way despite Bridgwater pressing forward once more.

A swift counter saw square the ball for Dening to find the unguarded net.

With less than ten minutes remaining Chard went two clear with a goal of deadly simplicity.

Goddard lofted the ball from the edge of Chard's D to Dan Stone just inside Bridgwater's half. He slipped the ball between his marker's legs and set off for the D, drawing the keeper towards him before passing square to Dening, whose crisp shot beat the scrambling keeper and deflected.

Bridgwater's last minute second goal was too little, too late.

CREWKERNE & DIST

Division One Pld Pts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Super Sixix	10	104
New Inn Kilmington	11	4
Axe Inn Allsorts	11	4

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One Pld Pts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Marvels	9	14
Royal Oak Drimpton	10	53
Foxholes	8	10
Blacksmiths	9	10
Perkins Village	8	10
Zulu Warriors	8	2

Division Two Pld Pts

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Rugrats	10	73
Sports 92	9	69
Acorns	9	66
Raports	9	62
Perrott Monkeys	9	60
Pinbusters	9	58
Hillbillys	9	51
Skimmers	9	46
Fryers	9	42
Chris Colins	9	42
Concorde	9	31

Division Two Pld Pts

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Upottery	8	8
Sidford	9	8
Talaton	9	8
Night Owls	9	6
Perkins Village	8	4
Zulu Warriors	8	2

Division Two Pld Pts

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Keepers	9	15
Breakways	8	14
Marsh Green	9	14
Awliscombe Shoot	10	12
A Team	8	10
Latecomers	9	9
Hinton Clyst	8	8
Stags	8	8
Tuckers Arms	8	6
Axe Valley	10	6
Broadclyst	9	5
Jack's Lads	9	5
Cocks & Hens	7	0

Division Two Pld Pts

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Top Cats	8	14
Brookside	9	12
Bashers	6	10
New Inn	8	10
Goldtops	9	10
Gulls & Gals	7	8
Bakers 8	9	8
Yoyo's	9	8
Maynards	7	6
Here for the Beer	8	6
Yetties	10	12
Concorde	10	20

Division Three Pld Pts

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Top Cats	8	14
Brookside	9	12
Bashers	6	10
New Inn	8	10
Goldtops	9	10
Gulls & Gals	7	8
Bakers 8	9	8
Yoyo's	9	8
Maynards	7	6
Here for the Beer	8	6
Yetties	10	12
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Top Cats	8	14
Brookside	9	12
Bashers	6	10
New Inn	8	10
Goldtops	9	10
Gulls & Gals	7	8
Bakers 8	9	8
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Colcombe Girls	11	18
Colcombe B	10	18
Thorncombe Newtops	9	16
Royal Oak Faces	10	14
Flying Turkeys	12	21
Tuckers Arms A	11	12
Old Inn Kilm A	12	10
Ugly Ducklings	9	6
The Likely Lads	10	57
That's Wassap	10	53
Muppets	8	52*
White Hart Wilm B	11	20
Colcombe Nomads	10	14
Red Lion A	11	14
Admiral 6	10	71
Sandbaggers	10	69
Kings men	10	63
Colcombe A	11	10
Ugly Ducklings	9	60
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Axe sailors celebrate enjoyable season



◆ WELL DONE: Commodore Steve Biddle presents Holly Thompson with the Lysander Trophy

THE Axe Yacht Club held their annual prize giving last week. To start the proceedings Club Commodore Steve Biddle presented cadets with their awards which included eight trophies and 20 highly commended certificates.

Eight-year-old May Newberry was named Best Beginner, and her older brother Harry was awarded the Moorings Tankard for the most improved Junior Cadet.

Charlie Kendall was the Most Improved Senior Cadet and Holly Thompson received the prestigious Lysander Trophy for the best overall cadet performance of the year.

A special award was presented to Ian Priestley for his tireless input as a support boat driver.

Following a delicious dinner served by three cadets it was the adults turn, with Patsy Kingdon presenting the prizes.

Malcolm Gill was the overall winner of the River Race Series and Dave Barnet took several of the dinghy awards.

Previous Commodore Gordon Wright was the most successful racer in a cruiser, and David and Jenny Haywood received the Achievement Cup for their trip around the UK via the Caledonian Canal.

Richard Mayo, Rear Commodore Activities Afloat, was then nominated by the Commodore to receive the Lloyds Bank Shield for his service to the Club over the last eight years.

The evening finished with the assembled members singing Happy Birthday to Rear Commodore Social, Bob Palacio.



◆ WELCOME ABOARD: May Newberry receives the Best Beginner trophy from Commodore Steve Biddle

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